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Akbar court-martial: A sergeant's admission that he rolled grenades into the tents of sleeping soldiers in Kuwait last year will be admissible when he goes on trial in the attack, a judge at Fort Bragg.

N.C., ruled Thursday.

The ruling came at a pretrial hearing for Sgt. Hasan Akbar, 33, of the 101st Airborne Division. A statement he made immediately after the attack was admitted as evidence but some later statements were disallowed by the military judge, Col. Stephen Henley.

Henley also granted Akbar's lawyers a delay in his trial until April 5 so they could defense. The court-martial had been set for Feb. 15. gather more documentation for an insanity

Moussaoui trial: A Jordanian man who claims he was Osama bin Laden's bodyguard was questioned by U.S. officials who are considering having him testify at the Vir-

ginia trial of terror suspect Zacarias Mous-saoui, the man's attor-

ney said Thursday.

Shadi Abdellah, 28, sentenced last November to four years in prison for helping plan terror attacks in Germany, was granted early release last month after serving more than half the time, including in pretrial custody.



U.S. soldier killed: An American soldier was fatally injured when a Humvee vehicle rolled over in Kabul, Afghanistan, while another was slightly hurt by a bomb, the military said Thursday

The Humvee accidentally overturned during a routine security patrol Wednesday evening in Paktika province, a military state

The second soldier hurt when a homemade bomb hit a U.S. convoy patrolling near Asadabad in eastern Kunar province treated and returned to duty, the military

Hassan kidnapping: A mutilated body found in Iraq is not that of kidnapped aid worker Margaret Hassan, the British government said Wednesday. But the Foreign Office said it continued to believe Hassan had been murdered, although the evidence was not conclusive

The Foreign Office said dental tests conducted in the United States showed the body of a woman of Western appearance, found in Falluiah last month by U.S. Marines, was not

The Iraq director of the aid group CARE International, Hassan, 59, was abducted on her way to work in Baghdad on Oct. 19. On Nov. 16, the Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera said it had received a video showing the exe cution of a female hostage identified as Has-

World

Haiti violence: U.N. peacekeeping forces circled Haiti's capital Thursday, hours after at least 11 people were killed and scores wounded in violence that marred Secretary of State Colin Powell's visit with Haitian leaders aimed at stopping the country's bloodshed

Peacekeepers stood guard around the na tional penitentiary, where inmates rioted Wednesday night, leaving seven dead. Prisoners armed with knives and rocks tried to break free as gunmen outside opened fire, said national prison director Fritzner Pierre.

Pierre said the violence was in reaction to leaked information that prison authorities



Congo unrest: Congolese soldiers guard a government official's house Thursday in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo. U.N. air and ground patrols have photographed freshly made encampments and unidentified well-equipped troops in east Congo, U.N. officials said Thursday, bolstering suspicions, still unconfirmed, that Rwanda is making good on its threat to send troops into its larger, weaker neighbor. U.N. officials say they have yet to conclusively determine any Rwandan troop presence in Congo — a finding that would confirm a Rwanda violation of central African peace accords and leave the international nunity with the difficult decision of how to react.

planned to transfer some inmates.

U.S. woman's Peru conviction: The Inter-American Court of Human Rights has the conviction of an American woman imprisoned in Peru for terrorist col-laboration with Marxist guerrillas. President Alejandro Toledo confirmed Thursday.

When asked to comment on news reports of the ruling about Lori Berenson, Toledo told Radioprogramas radio that the court members "have ratified the sentence and I once again salute the court members.

The court, which is affiliated with the Organization of American States, last week de-bated Berenson's appeal and 20-year sen-

Indonesia terror trial: The bombing last year of the J.W. Marriott hotel in Indonesia's capital was inspired by Osama bin Laden, a militant who was convicted in the attack said Thursday.

met with Osama bin Laden frequently in Afghanistan and heard him speak about waging war against America and its allies," Waging War against America and to amics, Mohammad Rais said in testimony in the trial of alleged terrorist leader Abu Bakar Bashir. "We saw the Marriott attack as a message from Osama bin Laden," he said.

Bashir, an Islamic cleric, has been Bassir, an Islamic cleric, has been charged with heading al-Qaida's alleged affiliate in Southeast Asia, Jemaah Islamiyah, and with inciting followers to take part in the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 202 people, and the Marriott attack that killed 12

Nation

Lotto winner arrest: A man who won a record \$315 million in the Powerball lottery was taken to jail on charges of drunken driv-

ing and carrying a pistol, authorities said.

Jack Whittaker, 57, was arrested Tuesday night after his Hummer struck a concrete median on the West Virginia Turnpike near Reckley.

Troopers also said they found a small pistol in Whittaker's boot and he was carrying \$117,000. He was released after he was arraigned and posted \$1,700 bail. Besides the DUI and weapons charges, he was charged with failure to maintain control of his vehicle and failure to submit to a breath test.

Right-to-die case: Florida Governor Jeb

Bush went to the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday in a bid to keep a severely brain-damaged woman alive over her husband's objections.

At issue is whether Bush overstepped his authority when he pushed through the Legislature a law in 2003 that allowed him to have Terri Schiavo's feeding tube reinserted. Six days earlier, her husband had the tube removed with a judge's approval.

Election indictment: President Bush's former New England campaign chairman says he will fight a federal indictment in the jamming of get-out-the-vote phone lines Election Day 2002 in New Hampshire. "I am saddened to learn that this action

has been taken against me," James Tobin said Wednesday in a statement. "I have great respect for the justice system and plan to fight back to clear my name."

New Hampshire Democrats, who have filed a lawsuit over the jamming, had accused Tobin in October of involvement in the jamming. Tobin, 44, stepped down Oct. 15, but denied involvement at the time.

Los Alamos management: Stung by secu-rity lapses at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, the government will consider business and management ability as much as scientific expertise when selecting a new man-ager for the facility.

Los Alamos has been managed by the University of California since the lab's creation as a top-secret World War II project to develop the atomic bomb. But problems, including missing computer drives and sloppy fis-cal procedures, led the department for the first time to call for an open bidding process last year.

Robert Blake trial: A jury of seven men and five women was selected Wednesday to decide whether actor Robert Blake murdered his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley

The panel was selected and sworn in after a prosecutor and defense attorney used nu-merous challenges to remove potential jurors from the jury box. They did not have to state a reason for the peremptory challeng-es. Six alternate jurors, three women and three men, also were chosen.

The panel was ordered to return Monday morning for opening statements.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

'They've got to do what they've got to do'

Some 66th Transportation Company families shaken, but others prepared for GIs' extended deployment in Iraq

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comes home. ??

Ann Rieger

wife of deployed soldier

Stars and Strines

Germany KAISERSLAUTERN, Christmas will come in March for Ann Rieger and her four daughters

The family had already put off the event until January, but now they'll have to wait until early spring.

"I already told the kids we're not having Christmas until Dad comes home," Rieger

The Riegers are among the families waiting for members of the 66th Transportation Company to return to Germany after the unit's yearlong deployment to Iraq. But Army officials announced Wednesday that those 156 soldiers are among thousands of

troops being extended downrange for 60 days \(\begin{aligned} \lambda & I already told the kids \) generally to bolster U.S. forces for Iraq's Jan. 30 elec tions. The 66th is the Europe-based unit to be extended.

members Family were told of the extension Wednesday at a meeting at Kleber Casern. Under the DOD plan, the unit will spend 33 of those

60 days at its current location, Forward Operating Base Speicher, north of Baghdad. "They're saying on the 5th of March,

they'll start convoying down to [Kuwait]. and then they think it could take up to two weeks," to process out of the staging area, Col. Susan Sowers, commander of the 37th Transportation Command, told about 15 wives and several children at Wednesday's meeting. "In my mind, it looks like the third week

in March, we could start to see our folks coming home," she said.

While the news visibly shook some, many said they were prepared for the extension after hearing about it from their husbands

"It's hard news, but they've got to do what they've got to do," said Marlene Sanchez, whose husband, Spc. Edward spoke with her husband Tuesday, when he warned her of the possible extension.

Others took the news harder 'I was so unset I was shaking," said Ulrike Reinhardt, a mother of three whose husband is Sgt. Philip Brown. She said the delay of her husband's unit - which suffered two deaths in an attack in August and has had 11 troops wounded - also means an extension of her apprehension.

"It's more days on the road, more targets for bombs," Reinhardt said. "More days of anxiety for me

Army officials had a dozen support peronnel on hand Wednesday to offer legal, logistical and emotional assistance to fami-

ly members Ones tions from the spouses revolved around paperwork, payment and power of attorney details associated with the delay.

One detail that irked family members about the extension is that it does not start until Jan. 31, 2005 — a week

after the company's one-year anniversary at Forward Operating Base Speicher.

"What they're doing now, they're saying, 'You came in January, the end of January is your time,' " Sowers said. "They would say the one year mark is 31 January, that's the math that they're using downrange."

Sowers said that pushing the extension's start date past the one-year mark is a move by the Army to get a few extra days out of

an experienced unit. "They're trying to take some days where they can get some," she said.

No matter how long it takes for the 66th to come home, however, Rieger said her children are all right with waiting for Christmas if it means they can celebrate it with their father.

"They know how important it is to have that," she said.

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During a meeting Wednesday at Kleber Casern in Kaiserslautern, Germany, Col. Susan Sowers, commander of the 37th Transportation Command, informs family members of the 66th Transportation Company that the unit has received a two-month deployment

Europe-based federal civilian employees to get allowance boost month Harwood's rent

BY CHARLIE COON Stars and Stripes

Federal civilian employees living in Europe will soon see a bump in their post allowance and living-quarters allowance, the U.S. State Department announced this

The post allowance - similar to the military's cost-of-living adjustment — paid to federal civilian employees living in Ger-many, for example, was increased by 20 percent and became effective Nov. 28

The nost allowance which takes into account the price of goods and services purchased off-base, was increased largely due to the dollar's slide against the euro, according to an official at the State Department, which calculates the allowances for overseas civilians. One euro currently costs about \$1.33. Euros are used to buy goods and services in most European countries

As a result of the rate increase, a government civilian living in Germany who a year will see his annual stipend go from \$6,475 to \$7,770, or about \$50 every two

Especially hard hit by the dollar's decline have been those who do not receive a living-quarters - commonly called a housing allowance - such as people hired locally, who, therefore, have to pay their rent and utilities

They include Brett Harwood, artistic director of the Kelley Theater in Stuttgart, Germany, who goes to the bank every month to buy 1,200 euros to pay his rent. Back in April, when one euro cost about \$1.20, that meant spending \$1,440; this

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artistic director of the Kelley Theater in Stuttgart, Germany

will be closer to \$1,600. "It doesn't feel in any way like the post allowance covers the

amount you put out for rent alone, let alone food," Harwood said. "It makes going out to a nice restaurant a thing of the past."

Andy Rivera, adjutant for the 6th Area Support Group, also doesn't receive a housing allowance.

"It's a challenge Rivera said. "I'm fortunate in that I'm debt-free. My car is paid off and I don't

have outstanding loans. [I'm] one of those lucky people who doesn't have to worry about living paycheck to paycheck

"But not long ago, when I had car pay-

ment and other stuff to pay, I would monitor that stuff. You start looking for where the money comes from."

Affecting the allowance are the cost of goods and services outside of a base as compared with the cost of similar goods and services in Washington, D.C. Accessibility to on-base shopping is also a factor. according to the State Department offi-

Employees who receive living-quarters allowances, though, got some relief with an increase, also effective Nov. 28, in that stipend. A Heidelberg, Germany-based civilian employee with a family, for example, would see an annual increase in LQA from \$38,700 to \$39,700.

The increase in civilian allowances came days after it was announced that U.S. troops living in Europe would see a 31 percent increase in their cost-of-living allowance.

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AF tries to better integrate active, reserve units

BY LISA BURGESS Stars and Strings

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Air Force announced six new U.S.-based initiatives Wednesday that will give the Air Force faster access to skilled personnel in wartime and eventually reduce the number of deployments for airmen, service officials

Dubbed "Future Total Force," the actions will involve active, reserve and Air National Guard units in Arizona, Vermont, Virginia, Utah, Texas, New York and Nevada, but not overseas installations or deployed airmen, according to Air Force spokesman Capt. Glen Roberts.

But "if these initiatives work, [they] will reduce the need for mobilizations down the

road," Roberts said in a Wednesday telephone interview.

However, reducing deployments "is a secondary effect ... not the principal reason we're doing this," according to Lt. Gen. Stephen Wood, the Air Force's Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs.

Instead, service officials are making the changes "so that the Air Force can have a greater capability to be a full partner in a joint warfighting team," Wood said Wednesday.

The initiatives focus on mixing active-duty with reserve personnel, who in the Air Force tend to stay in their units for long periods of time, officials said.

The low turnover rates in the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard mean that many of the service's most senior fliers and other personnel are in the reserve com-

The point of many of the initiatives is to test whether mixing the reserve and active communities more will help "rebalance" these experience levels, Wood said.

Deployments veves, wound san. Deployments would be eventually be reduced because once reserve and active units are better integrated, with the help of new technologies the Air Force would have more of an ability to "reach back" and tap the expertise of reservists on a more regular basis; "without putting them through the pressures or the stress of the mobilization research." When draws.

the pressures or use audication process," Wood said.

The initiatives include the integration of a reserve wing, Virginia Air National Guard's 1924 fighter Wing in Richmond, Va., with an active-duty 1st Fighter Wing at Langley Air Force Base, Va., to fly the

new F/A-22 fighter jet; stationing active duty personnel with Vermont's 158h Fighter Wing; and combining the Air Force Reserve's 419th Fighter Wing with the active duty's 388th Fighter Wing, both of which are at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and fly the E-16 fifter.

the F-16 fighter.
The other efforts include allowing members of the Texas and Arizona Air National Caurads to operate the Predator Umanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), which until now has been the province of active-duty units, working with the Army to build and operate a new Distributed Ground Station facilies are the proposed of the province of the prov

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Curator of 1st AD museum brings it into digital future

By TERRY BOYD

Stars and Strings

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — As the battlefield has shifted from Concord to the latest anti-insurgencies, military museums and their curators have been there to document it all. At the 1st Armored Division Museum in Baumholder, new curator Steve Ruhuke is writing the next chapter in the division's history.

Writing, though, isn't exactly the term — more like digitizing the future.

Ruhnke hopes to open the Openation Iraqi Freedom gallery next spring, with some new twists on old Army traditions. Instead of the soldiers' letter home, Ist AD soldiers' already have donated digital material including video clips and still photos that will help tell the story of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the division's second deployment to Iraq since it moved to Germany in 1971.

One of the more unusual donations is an audio recording of the crew of an M-3A2 Bradley fighting vehicle in combat during the conventional ground war phase of the Iraq war, Ruhnke said.

One soldier donated a digital copy of his diary.

"What's kind of hard is that sometimes we don't see the historical significance today," Ruhnke said. But 100 years from now, historians will come to the museum searching for keys to understanding 21st-century military life just as they came to him at the cavalry museum, trying to piece together an accurate picture of the early days of the U.S. military.

Another complication is that curators have different standards than laymen for what they believe will be of interest to future generations.

"Ask him the difference between a 'war trophy' and an 'artifact,' " said Col. Michael Bigelow in a phone interview from the U.S. Army Center of Military History in Washington, D.C., where he's executive director.

What he doesn't need is one more AK-47 or even an old Iraqi tank found on the side of the road, Ruhnke said. What he does seek are artifacts — American and Iraqi — with documented provenance to specific units, specific places and specific battles that help document the 1st AD's role in OIF.

Ruhnke arrived in May as the new curator, replacing Dan Peterson, who transferred to the 101st Airborne Division Museum at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Ruhnke, a native of Junction City, Kan, has a degree in archaeology and anthropology from Kansas State University. Before coming to Germany, he had been assistant curator and exhibit specialist at the U.S. Cavalry Museum at Fort Riley, Kan., for 20 years.

An authority on American cavalry units and figures from his years at Fort Riley, Ruhnke says his new challenge is to get up to speed on the 1st AD.

His museum has a number of significant pieces including examples of some of the rarest American tanks and self-propelled howitzers, including a pre-World War II M3A3 Stuart tank

"That one here came from Haiti, of all places," possibly an obsolete weapon the United States sold after World War II, Ruhnke said.

In addition to a dozen tanks, halftracks and howitzers, about 10,000 visitors annually see more than 3,500 items ranging from American, Russian and Traqi infantry weapons to vintage motorcycles, and may seek access to thousands of documents.

To tell the 1st AD's contemporary story, the Baumholder museum will add more modern interactive displays — such as allowing visitors to select from a number



TERRY ROYD/Stars and S

Steve Ruhnke is spending a lot of time around old tanks as he makes the transition from an exhibit specialist at the cavalry museum at Fort Riley, Kan., to head curator at the 1st Armored Division's museum. But at Baumholder, the future is digital, Ruhnke says.

of audio and video clips — to its static displays of uniforms, weapons and, of course, armor through 60 years, Ruhnke said. In addition, he'd like to do more temporary exhibits highlighting the histories of different 1st AD battalium.

However, the museum is, along with Baumholder itself, on the bubble as the Pentagon plans to relocate the two forward-based divisions, the 1st AD and the Würzburg-based 1st Infantry Division back to the United States.

The 1st AD museum is one of perhaps 50 military museums under the Center of Military History, Bigelow said. There are museums for most branches, such as the Patton Museum at Fort Knox, Ky., for armor and the cavalry

museum at Fort Riley, down to the regimental level, he said. Changes over the next decade, including plans to restructure forces overseas and the opening of the National Museum of the United States Army, schedule for 2009, will lead to changes at some military museums.

But most will survive, Bigelow said. The national museum is for honor and remembrance, while museums for divisions and branches, such as the 1st AD museum, are for training, education and outreach, he said.

"We try to put such museums where there is the greatest number of soldiers, but when soldiers move, sometimes there isn't a place to relocate."

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3rd ID loads up

The Army's 3rd Infantry Division is loading up two of the Military Sealift Command's largest ships for its upcoming deployment

to Iraq The Fort Stewart, Ga.-based division's gear is being loaded onto the USNS Sisler and USNS Seay at the port in Savannah, Ga. The equipment includes nearly 2,250 wheeled and tracked vehicles, 40 helicopters and more than 300 containers of equipment.

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The 3rd ID was one of the lead
units in the ground offensive for
Operation Iraqi Freedom and is expected to return to Iraq for its second rotation over the next few
months. It is also one of the Army's
newly updated divisions with four
"modular" brigades instead of

Two of the brigades, according to an Army news release, will deploy this winter under the command of the 42nd Infantry Division in north-central Iraq. The remainder of the division will deploy soon after with a Louisiana Army National Guard unit to a different

part of Iraq.
Military Sealift Command operates more than 110 noncombatant, civilian-crewed ships and moves 95 percent of the military equipment and supplies used by deployed U.S. forces.

U.S. Navy patrol rescue

A U.S. Navy patrol aircraft helped rescue eight United Arab Emirates fishermen whose small boat sank off the coast of Bahrain.

A P-3C Orion from Patrol Squadron 9 —along with a pair of Bahrain police helicopters — immediately responded to a distress call and searched for the fishermen on ported. The patrol and reconnaissance aircraft searched an area of 60 to 70 square miles for the dhow, according to Lt. jg. Brian Hirte, the P-3C Orion tactical coordinator. A half hour later, members of life vests, but on a cooler and some life vests.

That spot helped Bahrain search-and-rescue teams find the eight fishermen floating in a raft nearby. Rescue swimmers helped retrieve four of the fishermen, while a helicopter plucked the remaining fishermen from the water.

The Navy plane helped coordinate the rescue among Bahrain air traffic control, two Bahrain police helicopters and a Qatari helicop-

Patrol Squadron 9 is deployed to the Persian Gulf region from its home base in Hawaii.

From staff reports

Free phone calls

Sailors, Marines and U.S. Coast Guard personnel deployed aboard ships will be able to phone home for free during the holidays.

The Navy Exchange Service Command and AT&T are providing \$10 prepaid phone cards to ships under way this month.

The Navy Exchange will pass out about 21,000 cards during the holiday season, the Navy Exchange Service Command announced this week.

Thirty various ships out to sea with AT&T Direct Ocean Service will get the cards.

"It's our way of saying thank you to all the men and women who are serving our country," Jennie Virden, a Navy Exchange personal telecommunication specialist, said in a state-

Blue Angels search

The Navy's flight demonstration squadron, the Blue Angels, is looking for enlisted sailors to join the team for the 2006 season

The application deadline is April 1, 2005, according to a November Navy memo sent to the fleet. The normal tour length is 36 months.

Applicants must meet a list of requirements to be accepted. For example, sailors must have a spotless record and have no physical readiness test or body fat failures in the last 36 months.

Interested candidates also must receive their commander's endorsement to be consid-

Selection results will be announced June 2005. Those selected will leave their current command in October and report to the squadron in Novemher.

The flight demonstration team performs in air shows across the United States annually and is based in Pensacola, Fla.

For more information, click on NAVADMIN 261/04 online at http://www.persnet.navy. mil/navadmin/navad04.html

From staff reports

Units receive Hollywood delivery

'Operation: Take a Soldier to the Movies' sends movies, snacks to deployed troops

BY RICK EMERT Stars and Stripes

Bernard Hintzke and his wife Kathy long ago started a tradition of taking their four sons to the movies on Thanksgiving.

With his youngest son, Spc. Adam Hintzke, deployed to Iraq with the 601st Aviation Support Battalion, the father decided that this year he would send the movie to Adam to keep the Thanksgiving tradition alive.

That simple plan has grown into putting movies into the hands of troops from about 10 Army and Marine units downrange.

With Operation: Take a Soldier to the Movies, Bernard Hintzke and his support team have sent more than 1,600 movies to soldiers and Marines deployed to Iraq.

"To date, we have been able to put together movie packages for every unit that has contacted us and asked to be included in the project." Hintake wrote in an e-mail. "The number of movie packages sent to the troops to date is 1,880. A little idea that started with our son who is in Iraq has grown to this. We now have someone representing Operation: Take a Soldier to the Movies at Fort Hood, Texas."

He and his team of volunteers in West Allis, Wis., turned to members of their community for donations of movies and snacks.

"We had hoped that the people in our area would like to help again like they did for the [1st Infantry Division] Christmas in July project, by sending a movie package to the troops on Thanksgiving Day as a way of saying 'thank you for your service to our country,' "Bernard Hintzke wrote.

But Kathy Hintzke's cousin, who works in a public relations firm, created the organization's Web site (www.soldiertomovies.org) and sent a press release to national media sources.

The organization now gets donations from people and schools all over the United States, the father wrote.

He collects movies, snacks and the popcorn



Photo courtesy of the U.S. A

Capt. Mellanie Merrit, 601st Aviation Support Battalion rear detachment commander, speaks with 5gt. William Rigby, 1st Squadron, 4th Armored Cavalry Regiment, on Nov. 24 at Wirzburg Hospital's Victory Ward. Movies and snacks were delivered to injured 1st Infantry Division sodiers at the hospital as part of the Operation: Take a Soldier to the Movies program.

boxes in which they are distributed, and sends them to the 601st Aviation Support Battalion rear detachment, based in Katterbach, Germany, according to Capt. Mellanie Merrit, rear detachment commander.

Other donations come directly from people who have visited the Web site.

"At least one day a week, I pick up about 150 boxes from the post office," said Pam Lindenmeyer, from the unit's FRG, who spearheads packing the boxes to be sent downrange. "[Other] days we get 10 boxes, some days it will be 50.

"We pick them up every day to make things easier on the post office, and if we are sending out more than four large boxes we call them ahead of time to see if it's OK to send them all at once." Lindenmeyer and volunteers from the Katterbach community assemble the popcorn boxes and pack them with movies and snacks to send downrange.

"We've taken care of the 601st, because that is who the program was started for," Merrit said. "So many other units have come forward and asked for the movies, too, that we are keeping pretty busy. This is a huge operation, and we've had a lot of support from our volunteers."

Merrit and others from the Family Readiness Group also delivered movie packages to injured troops at Victory Ward at Würzburg hospital. Some packages also went to wounded troops at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center

Some of the donors send movies and snacks for the packages, but nearly all send letters accompanying their donation, Merrit said.

"These are really high-quality, top-notch movies that people are sending," Merrit said. "But the coolest piece of it all is the letters that people send to the soldiers. We have to go through all of this and package everything, and we read the letters from people thanking the soldiers for their service to our country, and it really tugs at the heartstrings."

And the soldiers appreciate the support.

"My husband [Maj. Victor Lindenmeyer, commander, Company A, 601st ASB] called me on Thanksgiving and said this was the highest boost in morale all year," Lindenmeyer said. "He's a very tough guy, and there was o much emotion in his voice. The guys all

missed home, it was Thanksgiving.

"This wasn't just 10 guys getting a package; everyone in the company got one. Some of the guys were upset because there was no return address to write a letter of thanks, but they appreciated the support — like somebody on 4 Apple Lane thought about you today."

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How to donate

Items to donate: new or used DVD movies, microwave popcorn, packets of pre-sweetened drink mix and assortments of movie theater-style candy. A letter or photo can also be included. Mail to:

Operation: Take a Soldier to the Movies Pam Lindenmeyer C/O 601st ASB CMR 454 Box 2326 APO AE 09250



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From left, David Schnibben, Jake Moffatt, Greg Meyers and Graham Young mug for the camera during a birthday party for Greg on Wednes day at the new Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center on Panzer Casern in Stuttgart, Germany. The center hosted 56 parties during November, its first month in business.

Stuttgart's new bowling facility a booming success BY CHARLIE COON "Just bring the cake and children," Mathis said.

Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — Business is booming at the new Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center.

"We had 56 parties during the month of November," said Stacie Mathis, the facility manager. "This is what Stuttgart has been looking for. It's the only place to have parties for children without doing it at home."

The 24-lane facility on Panzer Casern opened Nov. 5. Half of the facility includes a bar and slot machines and caters to adults. The other half features a playroom and video arcade and caters to children. That way, parents and children can keep an eye on each other.

Kids' party packages cost \$6.50 to \$11.95 per child, depending on extras, and include bowling, pizza and invitations. For serious bowlers such as Patch High School junior Derrick Hamilton, 17, there are lockers for rent to store balls and equipment.

Hamilton, who said he carries a 196 average, said the lanes are much better than those at the nearby Kelley Barracks bowling alley, which recently closed and is going to be torn down.

The atmosphere is better, too.

"When you take a break from bowling, this is a good place to kick back and relax and watch Sportscenter or the ballgame that's on," Hamilton said.

"It's a good family center," said Stephanie Meyers, wife of Cmdr. Brian Meyers of the U.S. European Command and mother of four. "There are few places here where you can have your children go and feel like they are in a safe environment and having wholesome fun."

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Big bonuses drawing more Marine re-ups

BY TONY PERRY Los Angeles Times

SAN DIEGO - With the prospect of continued fighting in Iraq, the Marine Corps is offering bo nuses of as much as \$30,000 - in some cases, tax-free - to per-suade enlisted personnel with combat experience and training to re-enlist.

The plan is working, officials said. Fewer than two months into the fiscal year, Marine re-enlistment rates in several key specialties are running 10 percent to 30 percent ahead of last year.

Officials are confident that, by midvear, they will have reached their target for encouraging re-enlistment among riflemen, the "grunts" who are key to the Marines' ability to mount offensives against insurgent strongholds such as Falluiah, Irag.

In most cases, the young Marines are agreeing to stay in their current jobs for four years. In others, they are allowed to transfer into jobs that the brass considers equally vital: recruiters, embassy guards and boot camp drill instructors.

"No amount of money is too much to retain combat experience in the corps, rather than starting over," said Maj. Mark Menotti, assistant head of enlisted retention for the Marine Marines to re-enlist is not a new program. But this year's bonus schedule marks the first time that "combat arms" specialties have received the largest of the bonus

A year ago, the top bonus for a grunt was about \$7,000.

Along with riflemen, machine-gunners, and mortar-men, specialties also receiving sizable Lafayette, Tenn., a rifleman, said that he had planned to re-enlist even without the bonus, but that the \$28,039 "helped my wife to agree to my re-enlisting.

In an e-mail from Iraq, McB-room said he plans to put 40 percent of the bonus in a mutual fund, 30 percent in an account for his children's college, 15 percent in savings and the remaining 15 percent for "a nice wedding ring for the wife, finally." to retain specialties such as avia tion and law — are not eligible for bonuses.

The amount of the individual bonus is determined by a formula involving the length of re-enlistment, how early the Marine makes the commitment to re-enlist and a multiplier determined by the commandant of the Marine Corns

Among other things, the multiplier involves a statistical analy-

sis of how much money will be

needed to ensure that enough Ma

rines re-enlist in a particular spe-

trained in tank warfare. If the ser-

geant re-enlists for four years, his bonus is determined by multiply-ing his monthly pay — \$1,817 —

by four. That figure then is multi-

plied by four, a rate set by Marine

The highest skill multiplier is

For the sergeant, the bonus

lists while in Iraq, his bonus, like

officials for his skill.

Take, for example, a sergeant

also a sign of recognition. Cpl. Steven Forrester, 22, a ma-chine-gunner from Centerville, Tenn., said he was "glad they finally realized our job is danger-ous." He received \$22,796.

> Redding. chine-gunner from Redding, Calif., said the size of the bonus for his specialty was a pleasant surprise: "I think it's fitting to have this amount because we are put through more stressful things than a normal Marine," Stoffers, who is in Iraq, e-mailed; his total was \$21,000.

Cpl. William Stoffers, 22, a ma-

Among combat veterans, there is a sense that they are being paid for having learned things that cannot be taught at the school of in-fantry. Many are eager to pass that knowledge to others.

William Jones, 22, of Tulsa, Okla., a rifleman, received a bonus of \$19,000 and now wants to teach Navy medical corpsmen how to handle combat "The more Marines we have who've been over there, the better off the corps is going to be," he said. "It's going to cost money, but it will

save lives.' Sgt. Deverson Lochard, 23, from Lakeville, Mass., a ma-chine-gunner who received a bonus of \$23,000, wants to become a drill instructor and, once he becomes a U.S. citizen, an offic-

44 No amount of money is too much to retain combat experience

in the corps, rather than starting over. 77 Mai. Mark Menotti

U.S. Marine Corps assistant head of enlisted retention

bonuses are those critical to success in Iraq - including intelligence officers and Arabic lin-

Lance Cpl. Matthew Jee, 21, of Borrego Springs, Calif., received a bonus of \$19,000 to re-enlist for four years. An assault-man with expertise in firing the Javelin rocket, he plans to shift to the intelligence field.

guists

"They need a grunt's view of what kind of intelligence you need when you're out there on the street," Jee said at Camp Pendle ton, where he recently returned after seven months in Iraq.

Sgt. Joey W. McBroom, 30, of

Another rifleman, Cpl. Anthony Mazzola, 23, of Fort Worth, Texas, has more-immediate plans for his \$21,700: "I plan to take all of my money to Vegas and have a crazy weekend," he e-mailed he e-mailed from Iraq.

The Marine Corps has ear-

marked \$52 million in bonuses for the fiscal year that started Oct. 1, up from \$51 million in 2004

Two-thirds of the bonus money will go for Marines re-enlisting for a second hitch. One-third will go to enlisted Marines signing up computes to \$29,072. If he re-enfor a third or fourth tour. Officers except in particularly difficult his regular pay, is tax-exempt.

> Readers will now be receiving the Middle East edition in Stripes, currently being tailored to audiences in Iraq, Kuwait and Qatar, rather than the Europe editions. Also included will be Sunday comics, which are actually in the Saturday edition.

Stripes currently prints about 60,000 copies of its Middle East edition at print sites in Baghdad, Kuwait, and Qatar.

Pilot safely eiects

PENSACOLA, Fla. -Blue Angels pilot safely ejected before his jet crashed into the Gulf of Mexico during a training flight Wednesday, a spokesman for the Navy precision flying team said.

The F/A-18 Hornet went down about a mile off Perdido Key, a barrier island on the Florida-Alabama border, and 10 miles from Pensacola Naval Air Station, where the Blue Angels are headquartered.

A rescue team pulled the pilot from the 62-degree water about 10 minutes after the crash. His identity was being withheld pending notification of his family, Blue Angels spokesman Lt. Garrett Kasper

The cause of the crash was under investigation.

Chenev in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON - Vice President Dick Cheney will travel to Afghanistan to attend the inauguration Tuesday of Hamid Karzai as Afghanistan's first directly elected

president. Cheney will also meet with Karzai and other government officials, and will thank U.S. and other troops serving there, the White House announced on Tuesday.

Thousands of U.S. soldiers are preparing an operation against Taliban insurgents to pre-empt an expected spring offensive which could upset plans for Afghan parliamentary elections

From The Associated Press

Stripes begins printing in Afghanistan ment for servicemembers there.

By PATRICK DICKSON

Stars and Strines

WASHINGTON - Stars and Stripes began printing newspapers in Afghanistan on Thursday, starting with a daily print run of 1.380 papers, and may expand its circulation after more tests are

The change means servicemembers serving in Afghanistan will be seeing much fresher news

- papers had seen delays of up to three weeks in the previous distri-

Stripes had been shipping newspapers to Afghanistan from its presses in Germany via Bahrain, where, at best, papers would take five days to get to Kabul, and often much longer to reach outlying areas through the military supply system

Stripes Publisher Tom Kelsch sees it as a significant improveand for the organization.

"For Strines, it means we're betsion to serve those servicemembers [deployed to Afghanistan],

daily in Kabul, Kandahar, Camp Phoenix (near Kabul) and Bagram Air Base. Papers will also be distributed via the mili-

ter able to accomplish our mis-

Kelsch said The paper will be delivered

tary postal system to 10 other

Biologists worry about rise in right whale deaths

NORFOLK, Va. - The second death of a pregnant right whale this year by a ship is prompting calls by biologists to change sea lanes and set speed limits in the mid-Atlantic to protect the critically endangered species.

Northern right whales were overhunted in the 19th and 20th centuries. Only about 300 are thought to exist.

"At the rate we're killing them off, we're really looking down the curve at extinction," said Scott Kraus, vice president for re-search at the New England Aguarium in Boston. Right whales travel through the

Gulf of Maine each year as they migrate between their winter rounds off the southeastern United States and their summer feeding grounds in the Bay of Fundy.

The National Marine Fisheries Service is weighing new rules,

such as speed limits, for ships entering and leaving East Coast norts to reduce collisions with whales.

Researchers, however, are en-couraging the federal government, commercial shipping lines and the Navy to talk about what could be done immediately

A recreational boater reported seeing an injured whale in the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay the week before Thanksgiving. He called the stranding team at the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center in Virginia Beach. saying that the tail was almost sliced off and the animal was bleeding profusely. The carcass washed ashore in Ocean Sands, N.C., a week ago.

Susan Barco, stranding program coordinator, examined the carcass with other scientists, and conducted a necropsy.

"It was a typical necropsy until we found the fetus," Barco told



In this aerial photo released by the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center, the carcass of a pregnant Northern right whale washes up on the beach at Ocean Sands, N.C., on Nov. 24.

The Virginian-Pilot. The same team had necropsie-

da pregnant right whale in February near Oregon Inlet, N.C., also killed by a ship.

The mid-Atlantic does not have protection measures similar to those in the South and Northeast. Marine biologists say they are needed, though.

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Mortar rounds hit Baghdad

U.S. Embassy tells workers they can't use airport road

BY NICK WADHAMS

BAGHDAD — Insurgents killed an American soldier in the restive city of Mosul and mortar strikes pummeled central Baghdad on Thursday, while the U.S. Embassy barred employees from the highway leading to the airport after failing to stop attackers from targeting foreigners who travel the daneerous road.

Despite the continued violence, a top Iraqi official insisted the security situation had improved since U.S. forces scattered insurgents in the Sunni city of Fallujah last month in preparation for elections set for Jan. 30.

The U.S. government has announced it is raising troop strength in Iraq to its highest level of the war to secure the election.

While Iraq's Kurds and majority Shiites back the elections, Sunni groups have demanded a postponement because of the poor security. President George W. Bush dismissed those calls Thursday, insisting that Iraq's elections must not be delayed.

The American soldier was on a U.S.-Iraqi patrol in eastern Mosul when the attack occurred, Lt. Col. Paul Hastings said. He said two Iraqi commandos were also wounded.

Hastings also said Iraqi and U.S. forces discovered 14 more unidentified bodies in different areas in Mosul on Thursday. He said there were also reports of five more bodies picked up by family members. That brings to at least 66 the number of bodies — many of them believed members of the Iraqi security forces — since Nov. 18. Mosul's police force disintegrations and the second of the second

ed during an insurgent uprising last month, forcing the U.S. command to divert troops from the offensive in Fallujah.

A witness in Mosul, Iraq's third largest city with about 1 million people, said he saw three bodies dumped in a western neighborhood, two of them with notes tucked in their undershirts that identified them as members of the Iraqi National Guard. They had several gunshot wounds to their heads and bodies. Insurgents have repeatedly targeted Iraqi police and soldiers, who are seen as cooperating with U.S. forces.

Also Thursday, attackers launched at least five mortars in central Baghdad, including two that crashed into the Green Zone, the compound that houses Iraq's interim administration and U.S. diplomatic missions.

One round struck near a mobile phone office in Baghdad's Arasat neighborhood, killing two civilians and wounding five, U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. James Hutton said.

U.S. forces have been helpless to stop insurgents from firing mortars into the heavily fortified area, a sharp reminder of how efforts to calm to the country ahead of the elections have been frustrated.

U.S. senators visiting Iraq on

Thursday said they were pleased with President Bush's decision raising troop levels, but criticized him for not doing so contion

him for not doing so earlier.
"We should have leveled with
the American people in the beginning," Sen. Joseph Biden, a Democrat from Delaware, told reporters. "It was absolutely inevitable" that more troops would be needed. A symbol of the Americans' struggle to restore security has been the airport highway. Attackers using car bombs and explosives have stymied U.S. efforts to protect the road, one of the country's most crucial yet also one of its most perilous.



A column of smoke rises after several mortar rounds exploded in Baghdad on Thursday, including two in the Green Zone. At least one person was killed.



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U.S. force in Iraq growing to highest level of war

BY ROBERT BURNS The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - With the insurgency still a threat to Iraq's planned elections the U.S. force is about to expand to its highest level of the war - even higher than the initial invading force in March 2003.

The force will grow from 138,000 today to about 150,000 by mid-January, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

Extra troops are needed to bolster security before the national elections scheduled for Jan. 30. The increase in troop strength mous effort and cost. American commanders have yet to train and equip enough Iraqis for security duty.

Lt. Gen. Lance Smith, deputy commander of Central Command, which is responsible for U.S. military operations throughout

the Middle East, told reporters at the Pentagon last month that the insurgents have managed to intimidate many Iraqis into not cooperating with the Americans.

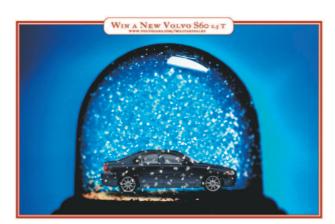
The expansion of the U.S. force also recalls assertions made by some Bush admin-istration officials when the invasion was launched that although stabilizing the country would not be easy or cheap, it certainly would not require more U.S. troops than it took to topple Baghdad.

As it turns out, the post-invasion period has been far costlier in blood and treasure than almost anyone predicted. When President Bush declared major combat opera tions were over May 1, 2003, the United States had about 148,000 troops in Iraq slightly more than when the war began two months earlier and more than were there when Baghdad fell in early April.

The Pentagon said Wednesday that De-

fense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld ap proved a plan to send 1,500 soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg. N.C., to Iraq this month and to extend by 60 days the combat tours of about 10,400 soldiers and Marines in Iraq who were to

come home in January. The 12,000-troop increase is to last only until March, but it says much about the strength and resiliency of an insurgency that U.S. military planners did not foresee even a year ago, when they were focused on capturing deposed Iraqi President Sadd-



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U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Wednesday, at least 1,256 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, accord-ing to an Associated Press count. At least 984 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Depart-ment said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is one lower than the Defense Department's tally.

It's not unusual for the figures to differ slightly from day to day.

The British military has reported 74 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,118 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 875 deaths resulting from hostile ac-tion, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by

the military:

■ No deaths reported.
The latest identifications report-

ed by the military:

Army Spc. Sergio R. Diazvarela, 21, Lomita, Calif.; died Nov. 24 in Ramadi, Iraq, when a bomb det-onated near his patrol; assigned to 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team,

Camp Howze, Korea.

Army Sgt. Christian P. Engeldrum, 39, New York; died Monday in Baghdad, Iraq, when his vehi-cle struck a bomb: assigned to the National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, New

■ Army Pfc. Wilfredo F. Urbina, 29, Baldwin, N.Y.; died Monday in Baghdad, Iraq, when his vehicle atwels a homby assigned to hicle struck a homb, assigned to the National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, New

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Blake A. Magaoay, 20, Pearl City, Hawaii; killed Monday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion 1st Marine Division, I Marine Ex-peditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

ton, Calif.

■ Army Sgt. Michael A. Smith,
24, Camden, Ark.; died Friday at
Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., from injuries received in Baghdad, Iraq, on
Nov. 7 from small arms fire, assigned to the National Guard's 1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regi-ment. Texarkana, Ark.

Marines proud of **Fallujah** service

BY KATARINA KRATOVAC The Associated Press

FALLUJAH, Iraq - Maj. Rich Bourgeois says the image of a young Navy medical corpsman rushing to aid a mortally wounded Marine in Fallujah's notorious Jolan district will be forever imprinted in his mind.

"In the middle of a firefight, there was this wounded Marine, his left leg blown off and just the femur sticking out," recounts Bourgeois, 41, of Malden, Mass. "And the young corpsman ran to his side, oblivious to the battle, applying the tourniquet

More than 50 Marines have died since the Fallujah attack began Nov. 8, and skirmishes still take place in the city. Yet for some Marines, their performance in one of the major battles of the Iraq conflict is a source of pride.

"Fallujah is going to be right up there among the most successful battles in Iraq," said Maj. Tom Davis, 45, of St. Cloud, Minn. "It's where the rubber meets the road That is where our heroes did their best "

Fighting in Fallujah and elsewhere in Iraq made November one of the bloodiest months for American forces since the war began in March 2003, At least 135 U.S. troops died in November the same number as last April, which had been the deadliest month of the conflict.

"Fallujah has been a life-changing event for many of the Marines, fighting in an environment that is just unfathomable to any one outside," said Bourgeois, an explosives expert who retired from active duty two years ago but was recalled this year.

During the Fallujah battle, he

was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment to study enemy tactics and techniques.

Although the fighting was bru-tal, Bourgeois believes the Ma-rines' morale was reinforced when they found evidence of atrocities committed by insurgents - including emaciated hostages chained to the wall and bodies of those killed execution-style

"When we saw what the enemy did, what they were capable of doing, we were only more eag to do away with this pure evil. Bourgeois added. "Regardless of how many pockets of resistance are still out there, it will not sway our morale. Nothing can."

First Lt. Lyle Gilbert, a spokes man for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said morale is high in Fallujah — despite the ongoing firefights.

Sgt. Wayne Doyle, 23, of Neversink, N.Y., said he naturally misses home.

"But I'd much rather be here with my Marines," he said. "And I'd do Falluiah all over again."





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IN THE STATES

Bush taps Johanns for agriculture post

BY DEB RIECHMANN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush on Thursday selected Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns, a Republican attorney who grew up on an Iowa dairy farm, as secretary of Agriculture to oversee the nation's farm and food programs.

Bush said Johanns was "an experienced public servant from America's agricultural heartland' with a long record of being "a faithful friend to America's farmers and ranchers.

Johanns, 54, would succeed Ann M. Veneman, who recently announced her resignation de spite saying earlier that she wanted to stay.

So far, seven of Bush's 15-member Cabinet have announced they won't be part of the second term. More are expected and administration officials say Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson appears to be next. Bush announced his intention

to nominate the two-term governor in the Roosevelt Room of the

The nomination, which requires Senate confirmation, reflects the administration's desire to focus heavily on farm trade over the next four years.

As his wife Stephanie looked on Johanns thanked Bush for inviting him to serve, saying, "I

mous spect for you.'

"I look forward to advancing your rural agenda for the 21st century," Johanns said. Born in

Iowa and raised on a



"I'm very, very proud of my ag

background," he said. "I do feel that those years on that dairy farm did much to define who I am as a person," Johanns said.

As governor, Johanns led a delegation of Nebraska's farm and business leaders on a trade mission to Japan, Taiwan, China, Singapore and a half dozen other countries

Bush said that in his second term, he would put a high priority on helping farm families including keeping taxes low and working to repeal the estate tax.

Bush praised Veneman, saying she had done a good job in dealing with agricultural issues, including fighting hunger, improvements in school nutrition programs, pro-tecting forests and leading efforts to prevent the spread of mad cow disease" when the nation's first case was reported a year ago.

Veneman presided during a period of unprecedented wariness about the safety of the nation's food supply. Weeks after taking of-2001, an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Europe prompted Veneman to increase inspections and testing to prevent its arrival in the United States.

The remaining Cabinet members

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A look at who's left

pects for staying on in the next term:

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld: Rumsfeld, 71, has not disclosed whether he intends to stay, but his aides have said repeatedly they have no indication he'll leave. They also said this week Rumsfeld had not discussed his future with the president. It is widely believed among Pentagon officials that Rumsfeld wants to remain, at least temporarily, to steer the military further in Iraq and Afnanistan, and to continue his efforts to indamentally change the way the De-

fense Department operates.

Treasury Secretary John Snow: Snow, 65, a former chief at railroad giant CSX with a Ph.D. in economics, took over the Treasury Department in February. The White House recently called Snow a valu able member of the economics team but haen't eaid whother it intends to keen

■ Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta: Mineta, 73, the only Democrat in Bush's Cabinet, doesn't plan to step down in the immediate future but could leave once Congress passes the huge highway spending bill, aides say.

■ Health and Human Services Secre-iry Tommy Thompson: Thompson, 63 has said he would not stay for a second

Bush term and talked about getting a high-paying job in the private sector.

In Interior Secretary Gale Norton: Norton, 50, has expressed interest in keeping her job. She dismissed any notion she might return soon to Colorado to begin a

might return soon to Colorado to begin a campaign for governor or senator.

Environmental Protection Agency Secretary Mike Leavitt. Leavitt, 53, gave up his job as Utah governor to join the Cabinet last year. He says he likes the post and has much he wants to accom-plish, but also has been mentioned as a possible successor to Homeland Security

ecretary Tom Ridge.

Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi: Principi, 60, has been popular with veterans groups despite their dissatis-faction with VA funding levels. Principi has pushed for more money for veterans, worked to reduce long waits for care and to resolve benefits claims for older veters. It's unclear how long he will keep his

Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson: Jackson, 59, is a Bush friend from Texas who took over HUD in March. He's expected to remain in the post.

■ Labor Secretary Elaine Chao: Chao, 51, is the first Asian-American woman ap-pointed to a Cabinet post. Chao has said little publicly about her job plans other than she enjoys the post and serves at the pleasure of the president



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Frist campaign loan

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. - Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's campaign committee lost more than \$500,000 in the stock market since the 2000 election and could not cover a bank loan that came due in August records showed

The committee had paid about \$10,000 as of Sept. 30, according to its federal campaign filing. It had \$362,000 at the begin-

ning of July, enough to pay off the loan, but lost \$32,057, or 8.8 per-cent, in the stock market in July and August, the records showed Altogether, the committee lost

more than \$524,000 on stocks November 2000 records showed.

Priest jailed for rape CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - A Cath-

olic priest from New Hampshire has been sentenced to 4½ to 5 years in prison after he admitted repeatedly raping an altar boy at a Waltham parish in the 1980s. The Rev. Robert Gale, 63, plead-

ed guilty to four counts of raping a child, just as jury selection was set to begin for his trial Tuesday. He was sentenced Wednesday. The sexual assaults took place

at St. Jude's parish in Waltham be-tween 1980 and 1985.

Israel spy probe

WASHINGTON - FBI agents searched files and served subpoe-nas at the offices of the major pro-Israel lobbying organization as part of an investigation into whether Israel improperly obtained classified U.S. information

The search Wednesday at the offices of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee was disclosed in a statement by the orga-

From The Associated Press

Brokaw takes final bow as NBC News anchor

By Frazier Moore

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Tom Brokaw began with a report on U.S. troops in Iraq. He ended the broadcast by saying farewell.

After nearly 23 years in the "NBC Nightly News" anchor chair, Brokaw reminded his viewers that "we've been through a lot together, through dark days and nights, and seasons of hope and

"Whatever the story, I had only one objective: to get it right," he said Wednesday, declaring in a slightly quavering voice how he was "always mindful that your patience and attention didn't come with a lifetime warranty.

Brokaw, 64, is leaving "Nightly News" and daily journalism to nursue other interests including more time on his Montana ranch.

But he will still contribute to NBC News, doing at least three documentaries a year.

While Brokaw was saying his good-byes. Peter Jennings was



praising him on ARC as "a competitor in the best sense, which in our trade means when he beats us on a story, it is usually the result of enterprise

On his CBS newscast, Dan Rather said, "For more than 30 years, I have known Tom as friend and competitor who has earned the respect of his audience, and his colagues, myself included."

Then to Brian Williams, Rather added, "Welcome to the neighbor-

Williams, long groomed as Brokaw's successor, takes over "Nightly News." He begins at the top of the ratings, where "Nightly News" has reigned since 1997

Methodist jury convicts minister of violating law

Lesbian minister may be defrocked

PUGHTOWN, Pa. made up of United Methodist Church clergy convicted a lesbi-an minister Thursday of violating church law by openly living with her partner in a committed relationship.

The Rev. Irene Elizabeth Stroud could be defrocked as a result of the ruling, which came on the second day of her church

The same 13-member jury was set to meet Thursday afternoon to decide her penalty. Methodist

"self-avowed, practicing homosexuals' from minis-



The last time the 8.3 million-member denomi-

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nation convicted an openly gay cleric was in 1987, when a New



Rev. Irene Elizabeth Stroud, left, along with her partner Chris Paige center, are greeted by supporters as they arrive for the second day of her trial in Pughtown, Pa., on Thursday. Stroud, a United Methodist Church minister in Philadelphia, declared in a sermon last year that she is a lesbian living with her partner.

Hampshire church court defrocked the Rev. Rose Mary Den-

Last March, a Methodist court in Washington state acquitted the Rev. Karen Dammann, who lives with a same-sex partner, citing an ambiguity in church law that the

Methodist supreme court has since eliminated.

Before the jury returned, Stroud, 34, told reporters that whatever the verdict, "this case has shown how divided we are' over the role of gavs in the church. She expected to be con-

Female libido drug may be health risk

BY DIEDTRA HENDERSON The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The hormone patch Intrinsa aims to restore women's lost libido, but some health experts are concerned that notential health risks may eclipse the benefit of marginally better sex

A Food and Drug Administration advisory panel was considering Thursday whether the agency should approve the first drug to treat hypoactive sexual desire disorder in women who have had their ovaries removed or damaged and are receiving estrogen therapy. Women with the disorder have

a sex drive that is so diminished that they no longer fantasize about sex or crave it, causing stress and strained relationships.

Procter & Gamble Co. is seeking FDA approval to sell the testosterone patch Intrinsa, the first such product to treat a condition that affects up to 3 million surgimenopausal American

Clinical trials showed that women using Intrinsa had only modest improvements to their sex lives. Women who applied the patch to their abdomen twice weekly had one more "satisfying sexual event" per four weeks, compared with a placebo

The FDA, chastised before Congress for ignoring safety concerns with drugs, has asked its Reproductive Health Drugs advisory committee to consider whether that slim benefit offsets potential risk from long-term use of the hormone testosterone. Women using the Intrinsa testosterone patch will also take estrogen

The Women's Health Initiative. a program established by the National Institutes of Health, found that nostmenopausal women taking the hormones estrogen and progestin had higher risks of heart attack, stroke and breast

"The unexpected safety findings ... indicated that short-term or uncontrolled studies may not provide adequate estimates of the risks of hormonal therapy," the FDA told its advisory panel

Mary Johnson, a Procter & Gamble spokeswoman, said, "Those questions were not unexpected and they will be addressed during the presentation.

Documents provided to the committee Thursday said 494 surgically menopausal women were treated with the patch in combination with estrogen for one year Of those, 127 were treated for 18 months.

The placebo controlled safety data that they will review only covers six months.

In addition, the company plans a post-marketing study to track women taking Intrinsa for five vears to determine rates of heart disease and breast cancer

Critics were lobbying federal advisers to delay action or deny

Dr. Leonore Tiefer, a sexuality expert at New York University's School of Medicine, was asking the committee to postpone a ruling until researchers get more safety data on more women.



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IN THE WORLD

Ukraine vote in hands of high court

BY MARA D. BELLABY

The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine - Tens of thousands of upbeat opposition supporters partied in Kiev's main square Thursday, erecting a Christmas tree and waving orange flags, in a show of confidence as the Supreme Court heard final arguments on whether to overturn disputed election results.

With Ukraine's political crisis nearing a decisive turning point, Russian President Vladimir Putin took the government's side in a deepening dispute over how to proceed once the judges issue a ruling.

Putin denounced the opposition's demand for a repeat of the contentious Nov. 21 run-off vote rather than holding entirely new elections for president, as the government wants. Putin said a new run-off "would yield noth-

"A revote could be conducted a third, a

sults it needs," a grim-faced Putin said, standing alongside his longtime ally, outgoing Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma.

The two held a hastily arranged meeting at Moscow's airport just before Putin left for India. Kuchma flew to Russia for support as his government appeared to be losing momentum in the 11-day standoff with the opposi-

President Bush said Thursday that if a new vote is held in Ukraine it "ought to be free from any foreign influence" — an apparent veiled reference to Russia

Bush did not single out any country, but his words seemed to echo those of Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin, with whom Bush met this week and who explicitly said Russia must not meddle in the Ukrainian matter.

With a new vote appearing likely, Kuchma wants to ensure an entirely new election is held - rather than a new run-off between his ally, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych, and opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko, a reformer who wants to move Ukraine closer to

Kuchma may want to put forward a stronger candidate to replace Yanukovych in the race, which would only be possible if an election is held from scratch

A court decision had been expected Thursday. But after beginning to hear final arguments in the evening, the court's 18 judges adjourned the session for the night without a decision. The final arguments will continue Friday, after which the justices will retreat for deliberations before announcing a decision. It was unclear how long the process would take.

In talks mediated by European officials, Yushchenko and Yanukovych agreed Wednes day to respect the court's ruling. The opposition charges that government fraud cheated Yushchenko of victory in the runoff, and his campaign has appealed results from eastern regions where the prime minister's support is strongest.

Annan supported by U.N. members

BY EDITH M. LEDERER The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS - United Nations member states voiced support for Secretary-General Kofi Annan after a U.S. senator called for him to resign over nossible fraud in Iraq's oil-for-food program. The State Department endorsed a Senate investigation of the troubled program but sidestepped the issue of Annan's fu-

Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., who is leading one of five U.S. congressional investigations into the U.N. oil-for-food program, wrote in Wednesday's Wall Street Journal that Annan should step down "the most extensive because fraud in the history of the U.N. occurred on his watch."

The secretary-general appears to retain wide support among the 191 U.N. member states who elected him to a second five-year term in 2001.

Russia, Britain, Chile, Spain and other nations on the U.N curity Council strongly backed Annan in recent days, as did non-council members. The 54 African nations sent a letter of sup-

'He has heard no calls for resignation from any member state, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said when asked whether he envisioned Annan's resigning. there's some agitation on this issue on the sidelines ... that's healthy debate. But he is intent on continuing his substantive work for the remaining two years and one month of his term

Annan was doing just that on Wednesday, urging Wall Street financiers to support the global campaign against AIDS. He was also preparing for Thursday's launch of a report by a high-level panel recommending the most extensive reform of the United Nations since its founding in 1945.

The allegations of corruption in the oil-for-food program, which first surfaced in January have escalated, embarrassing Annan and taking away from his agenda.

Death toll rises in the Philippines



A man salvages a bucket from inside his submerged house Thursday near a riverbank in Pulilan town, Bulacan province, north of Manila in the Philippines. The death toll from a powerful rainstorm that triggered landslides and flash floods in the eastern Philippines rose to 412, with 177 people still missing, officials said. Winds and rain from another approaching typhoon hampered rescue efforts.

Chickens for warplanes

BANGKOK, Thailand - The foreign ministers of Thailand and Russia met Wednesday to discuss bilateral issues including trade and the possibility of bartering Thai chickens for Russian war-

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Sathirathai told reporters after talks with his counterpart, Sergey Lavrov. "They are meeting with the air force today, and tomorrow will meet with the defense minis-

The authorities from both

sides are discussing the trade of

chickens for airplanes," Thai For-eign Minister Surakiart

Minister

If a deal is reached, Russia would import 100,000 tons of Thai chicken, Surakiart said. Although he did not say what

type or how many aircraft might be involved, in the past Thailand has expressed interest in acquiring Russia's advanced Sukoi Su-30 fighter.

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Court sends Anna Lindh's killer to prison

BY MATT MOORE

The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - Sweden's Supreme Court ruled Thursday that the man convicted of murdering Foreign Minister Anna Lindh will serve his sentence in prison rather than in psychiatric care, reversing a contentious decision by a lower

The five-judge panel cited the ferocity with which Mijailo Mijailovic stabbed Lindh, and the ruling was expected to satisfy Swedes who had called for a harsh punishment. The Supreme Court's decision is final,

and there is no avenue for any appeal.

An appeals court had ruled earlier this year that Mijailovic should be confined to a mental hospital for the Sept. 10, 2003, stabbing of Lindh - one of Sweden's most popular politicians - as she shopped unguarded.

Lindh, 46, was expected to be Sweden's next prime minister. She died a day after the attack.

Mijailovic will likely serve no longer than 15 years in prison, the typical length of a life sentence in the

Scandinavian country Had he remained in psychiatric care, he could have been held in a secure facility for as long as 20 years — or have been released much sooner on a

doctor's recommendation. The Supreme Court - after hearing conflicting opinion from six medical experts — said it was clear Mijailovic had a history of mental illness, but that it was not serious enough to bar him from prison.

Mijailovic, who confessed to attacking Lindh, used a craftsman's knife to stab her repeatedly.

The decision marked the last chapter in one of Sweden's most publicized murder cases since the 1986 unsolved killing of Prime Minister Olof Palme.

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'Lock down' promotes safety

To those who feel slighted about the lock down of American servicemembers (" 'Locked down' in Kuwait," letter, Nov. 25), I happen to think the "guise of security reasons" is a pretty good one.

If a target is not introduced, then it can't be attacked. I am not only referring to a possible car bomb, or someone shooting up a crowded market, but also the side alleyways where it only takes a second for someone to get stabbed. One death is one too many.

It may be a discomfort not being allowed to venture off base; however, you didn't deploy to go to McDonald's, buy gold, or see the scenery or whatever else someone wants to do downtown.

A lot of folks see the contractors going as they please. If it is that appealing, get out of the military. Then you can become one of those contractors you envy. If for some reason my body gets flown back to the United States in a flag-draped coffin, I hope the explanation given to my wife is better than, "He died downtown shopping or goofing off.

I deployed to accomplish a mission, not to go downtown. I understand the point of view, but remember: "Mission first." Staff Sgt. Shane P. Sullivan

Southwest Asia

No tears shed for insurgent

I am writing in response to all who want to crucify the young Marine who shot the insurgent in the Fallujah mosque

I am sure that if the situation had been reversed, the insurgent would have done one of two things: shot the young Marine in the head or given the Marine up to the foreign wing of the insurgency, by that I mean [Abu Musab al-]Zarqawi and his bunch, to have his head sawed off with a dull knife.

We are fighting insurgents here who do not care about right and wrong or the laws governing the conduct of war or the care of prisoners. So, you know what? I don't care what this Marine did in the heat of battle. I would not trade his life or welfare for the life or welfare of any of these insurgents.

We are in a brutal, no-holds-barred war in Iraq. We are fighting an enemy who does not have any common decency or respect for innocents. Just look at Mar garet Hassan, an innocent woman who was murdered

They don't even care about the lives of their own people. Look at how many innocent men, women and children have been killed or maimed by random mortar attacks, drive-by shootings, ambushes and car bombings. They purposely hide behind noncombatants and use reli gious sanctuaries and civilian infrastructures to store weapons and launch attacks from. They have no morals and they conduct themselves like criminals. Yet some would call these people freedom fighters or patriots.

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I am glad that our forefathers didn't act in this manner during our war for independence. If they had, I would have been ashamed of them.

Forgive me if I do not shed a tear for this individual who the Marine killed. I have plenty of others who have died in this war who deserve my tears far more

> Spc. John Wolff Camp Anaconda, Iraa

Rumsfeld a world away on hire

With the war weighing heavy on our nation's shoulders, our self-serving, arrogant defense secretary does not call on the knowledge of decorated military leaders for guidance, men who have been in bat-tle, felt the fear and understand the strategy of war. Instead, he turns to the corporate world ("Rumsfeld gets his (nonmilitary) man to run Army," Joseph Galloway column, Nov. 23)

Has it occurred to Donald Rumsfeld that in war there are not stockholders fretting over red ink on a balance sheet? Success or failure is measured in the number of body bags shipped home. Military leaders do not answer to the frustrated moans of stockholders, but instead to the anguished cries of families and friends as they mourn their dead.

God bless America is my prayer, because His is the only power that can save us from such inept leadership.

Marti Schumacher Heidelberg, Germany

Politics aside, respect ACLU

I must disagree with "ACLU has outlived usefulness" (letter, Nov. 20).

The American Civil Liberties Union has

not removed any liberties from the Boy Scouts of America. The court case was to remove federal funding from the Boy Scouts Bases are no longer allowed to sponsor Boy Scout troops. That means that tax money and taxpayer resources will not be going to the Boy Scouts, requiring them to sink or swim on their own merits

The ACLU has not tried to get Boy Scout activities banned from military bases. Military members still may lead Scout troops and participate in them, and the Boy Scouts are still permitted to meet on military bases in areas used by other civilian

organizations. The simple fact is that Boy Scouts of America is not an arm of the government. It's a civilian organization, a social group of sorts. The Officer's Wives Sewing Circle isn't going to get federal funding any time soon, the recreation and gaming social group that I'm a member of doesn't get any special treatment, so why should the Scouts?

BSA officials can decide who gets to join, they can require new members to take an oath that is religious in nature but. if they are to have those freedoms, they can't receive federal funding to do so. The ACLU isn't trying to make Scouting illegal; it is making the playing field equal for everyone.

The ACLU defends all our rights, does it well, and is oftentimes the only group doing it. A lot of people object to the ACLU's stance on making sure that church is separate from state. They feel that ours is a Christian nation, and that the Christian religion should be a part of our government. This is, however, directly contrary to the wishes of our Founding Fathers, particularly Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

Jefferson was strongly opposed to any union of religion and government, saying, "In every country and in every age, the priest has been hostile to liberty. He is always in alliance with the despot, abetting his abuses in return for protection to his own

Madison said, "An alliance or coalition between Government and religion cannot be too carefully guarded against. ... Every new and successful example therefore of a perfect separation between ecclesiastical and civil matters is of importance ... religion and government will exist in greater purity, without rather than with the aid of government." I know a lot of people aren't happy about

it, but there is no legal justification for the military sponsoring the Boy Scouts, regardless of the benefits that the Boy scouts may or may not provide. For my part, this court case certainly won't make me stop my yearly donations to the ACLU.

Senior Airman John Nixdorf Kadena Air Base, Okinawa

Euro rate hard to figure out

Could you possibly return to the old way of telling Stripes readers what the dollar-to-euro rate is?

For example, \$1 equals 0.7470 euro. The way it is presented now, for example: 1 euro costs \$1.33 or whatever, never equals the bank rate. Readers can't figure it out. It would be so much simpler if a soldier could figure out \$50 gets him or her 37.35 euros. Please consider this change.

Ann Burski

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OPINION

Russia exploits Ukraine's continental divide

ow more than ever, the bedrock idea on which U.S. foreign policy rests is that the nation's security is enhanced by the spread of democracy. Since 9/11 the idea has been that secu-

George Will ratio and been that security depends on democratization in nations
with slight, if any, traditions of popular sover-



of promoting democracy is a sharp scythe that can mow down more than the people wielding the tool might intend. In Ukraine's debased election, Russian President Vladimir Putin twice

candidate who benefited from fraud, violence and other violations of civilized norms, incidents that seemed to bear Putin's signature. Commenting on Utraine, Secretary of State Colin Powell said: "We cannot accept this result as legitimate because it does not need international standards and because merous and credible reports of fraud and abuse."

Which could have been said of President Putin's own re-election earlier this year. What President Bush said three years ago was that he had "a sense of" Putin's soul — formed by 15 years in the KGB — and liked what he sensed: "We share a lot of values." Events in Russia have not tempered the president's reiterated insistence that "freedom is on the march."

Putin stands athwart that march in Russia, where he has marginalized inconvenient parties, controlled the media and used the criminal justice system to intimidate potential rival sources of power and social authority. Now the Kremlin, which issued instructions to Ukrainian state-controlled media during the presidential campaign, seems determined to export Putinism to contiguous countries.

Putin calls Viktor Yanukovych's 49.46 percent of the Ukrainian vot a "convincing" victory over Viktor Yushchenko. Yushchenko received 46.61 percent in his challenge to the authoritarian regime that backed Yanukovych, who favors closer relations with Russia, in the manner of some other "managed democracies" among former Soviet repub-

Yushchenko favors Ukrainian membership in the European Union and, perhaps, in

Criminality against Yushchenko's campaign went beyond multiple instances of violence, intimidation and vote fraud. The Financial Times reports that when Yushchenko appeared before a large crowd of supporters in Kiev, and his face filled a large video screen, a woman exclaimed, "Oh, how terrible. He was so handsome." His pockmarked and scarred features are the result of what seems to have been a poisoning that felled him hours after dining with the head of Ukraine's secret service.

Russia's attempt to control Ukraine's destiny is partly a reverberation from the dissolution of the Soviet empire. Russia's desire to envelop Ukraine within its phere of influence is a centuries-old Russian tendency. The novel impulse at work here is the transformation of "Europe" from a geographic into a political expression — and Putin's recoil against the

In its admirably sharp criticism of Ukraine's election, the EU is postulating certain standards of civic hygiene integral to European identity. If the EU extends membership to Turkey, Europe's border will abut Iraq, And if, in time, Ukraine joins, Europe's border will be within 250 miles of Moscow.

The canon of European literature includes Pushkin, Chekhov, Dostoevsky and Tolstoy, but that does not settle the question of Russia's identity — its relationship to Europe. Charles de Gaulle spoke of Europe extending from the Atlantic (in some of his



I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS - A VOTING BOOTH WITH AN IRON CURTAIN.

moods, from the English Channel) to the Ural Mountains. But there is a lot of Russia — eight time zones of it — east of there.

Ukraine has been independent for 13 years—the length of time between Americar's declaration of independence and the election of its first president, when the cohesion of the national entity was in doubt. Talk of secession is rife in Ukraine's eastern, Russian-oriented region.

The 19th century featured national consolidations — the United States, Germany, Italy, Belgium, etc. Recently, the disintegrative forces of religion, ethnicity and language have driven events in the former Yugoslavia, Iraq, the former Soviet Union and elsewhere.

Ukraine, where Catholicism and the Ukrainian language flourish in the west and Orthodox Christianity and Russian in the east, could be the latest cauldron to boil

The United States, with its foreign policy hostage to January elections by the Palestinian Authority and those in Iraq, has a stake in Ukrainian events that is much larger than its leverage. As Lech Walesa, hero of Poland's liberation, told a mass meeting of Yushchenko's supporters, Poland supports was but you must do this prosess!

you but you must do this yourself.

The problem, in Ukraine and others among Russia's anxiously watching neighbors, is Putin. Perhaps Secretary Powell intended the wide are of his scylet to encompass Moscow when he said that corrupt elections cannot create legitimate governments.

George Will is a member of Washington Post Writers Group.

Desire to capture bin Laden stronger than tactics

The (Baltimore) Sun

he Pakistani army has pulled back from a tribal region where it was conducting a highly publicized and entirely fruitless hunt for Osama bin Laden. The operation, in an area known as South Waziristan, was reportedly conducted with American intelligence help from across the nearby Afghan border; it succeeded primarily in turning the local tribesmen fercely against the government forces. In Ottober, the Pakistani military was reduced to waging a campaign of aerial bombardent against reacticirant villages.

Now, according to an official announcement, a newfound spirit of cooperation among the Wazirs will allow the army to abandon its checkpoints in the area. Some Pakistain officials say that no signs of the al-Qaida leader have been found, anyway, and that suggests to them that he's nowhere in the vicinity.

Others reserve judgment on that point but, in any case, using an army to chase after an individual is not only ineffective but often counterproductive — as Pakistan was discovering. The tribesmen are riled up, and from among them a new terrorist leader is emerging: Abdullah Mehsud, a one-legged 29-year-old whose two years at Guantanamo failed to curb his ardor or teach him respect for authority.

Released from Cuba in March, he orga nized the kidnapping of two Chinese engi neers this fall — one of whom was killed by government troops aftermpting a rescue — and then took credit for the bombing of a hotel in Islamabad last month. He has become a sensation in the Pakistani press, and has given President Pervez Musharraf considerably more to be concerned about than has the titular head of al-Qaida. He's also a good example of the way in which the United States succeeds in making enemies for itself.

Pakistan seems — perpetually — to be at one tipping point or another. Right now the government is gingerly exploring some sort of deal with India over Kashmir, in the northeast, and the last thing it needs is a fundamentalist uprising in the northwest. Defanging the Islamists is Musharraf's most crucial task, from his own point of view—but it ofincides with American interests as well. If might, in the long run, also be the best way to catch bin Laden—if, in fact, he's still in the Pakistani mountains. Winning over the tribes rather than trying to pound them into submission could leave him with nowhere to run.

In that sense, then, the current pull-

back may be a good sign. But it's worth noting that no government — not the Pakistani government, nor the British colonial government before it — has ever succeeded in extending its writ over the tribal areas. If Musharraf is to succeed, even in part, it may mean dropping the pursuit of the al-Quida leadership for now.

The Bush administration should be patient on that score; though justice will be served by the eventual capture of bin Laden, it is more likely to be accomplished through stealth and ingenuity than by a clumsy and sometimes less-than-eenuine frontal assault.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



YOUR MONEY

Dear Tom and Ray: It's getting to be that time of year again — time to wonder what to get my male relatives for Christmas. I'm sure I'm not the only female who is confronted with this dilemma every year. I thought you could provide some good ideas for holiday gifts that I can actually locate AND afford to

buy (i.e., \$25-\$200). Thanks! RAY: Hmm. I don't think plas-

ma TVs have come down that far yet. TOM: Several ideas

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come to mind Diana. One is an inexpensive scan tool. A scan tool is what you plug into the car's computer, and it gives you all kinds of fascinat-

ing diagnostic information. RAY: Well, it'll be fascinating

to those guys, anyway. TOM: All cars built from 1996 on use a standard computer diag nostics system called OBD II. You can find several inexpensive OBD II scan tools on the market in the \$150-\$200 range. Best of all, since this is a diagnostic tool, it will provide your loved ones with wonderful excuses to then go out and buy even more expen sive equipment with which to fix these newly diagnosed problems!

RAY: Another idea is a rechargeable remote jump-starter. I've got one of these, and it works and it works great. It's smaller than a car battery, and fully en-cased in hard plastic. It has positive and negative battery cables attached to it, and you use it to jump-start your car when nobody else is around. You charge it up from a home outlet or from your cigarette lighter (BEFORE the

the trunk TOM: So, when you come out of Rocco's Adult Beverage and Exotic Female Dancer Den at 1 in the morning and find that you left your lights on, you won't have to call your wife for a jump-start (and a dope slap). These jumper packs will run you anywhere from \$50 to \$100, depending on how powerful the battery is. But even

the basic ones will work pretty well, unless the battery is cold dead RAV: In the

> range, you can get someone a per-sonal air pump and a can of tire sealant. Next time he has a flat tire, instead of waiting for a tow truck or changing the tire himself while semis whiz by, he can pull out his air pump, toss in the seal-ant and fill the tire back up in five or 10 minutes. Most of these air pumps plug into the cigarette lighter or run off rechargeable batteries. And as an added bonus he can use it to fill up his basket-ball, soccer ball or inflatable Geraldo Rivera punching bag.

same price

TOM: And if you're a real cheapskate, there are always Car Talk gifts, like our CD collections of funny car songs, or our advice collections, like "Why You Should Never Listen to Your Father When It Comes to Cars." That stuff is cheap (as well it should be)! And it's at www.shameless

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Car-related gift ideas The phone booth returns

Cell-phone rooms still allow for privacy, quiet

BY EMILY CHASAN

The Wall Street Journal

Kevin Boehm knows how cruel a cold Chicago night can be. So last year, when he saw a man squawking into a mobile phone outside a restaurant in 20 degree weather, he imagined a simple solution: a cell-phone booth.

"In five years, it could be com pletely passe to be at a table in a restaurant and not get up to use the cell-phone booth Boehm, who paid around \$3,500 to install a plush, brown and blue velvet-appointed booth at his own new restaurant, called BOKA.

A discreet note on the menu tells diners about the booth.

Just when many mannered folks had given up on having a civilized dinner or library trip without overhearing other people's conversations, a simple solution seems to be calling. Phone companies have eliminated more than a million traditional pay phones in the past eight years, many of them in phone booths, according to the Federal Communications Commission. Now, some restuarants, libraries and other businesses are slowing bringing back the phone booth, sans phone this time. Users bring their own mobile phone and can talk as loud as they want without bothering anybody else, or being asked to step

"There was reasoning behind the original telephone booth," says Boehm, BOKA's co-owner, "This is just America catching un

The quest for privacy drives 98 percent of Americans to go to another room or outside when talking on a cell phone, according to a Sprint Corp. survey released in July. Some retreat to a restroom to make calls. But few things are more irritating than having to listen to the sound of toilets flushing during an important conversation. says Jacqueline Whitmore, Sprint's wireless-phone-etiquette spokes-person; 77 percent of Sprint's sur-vey respondents said they were subjected to such toilet gaffes.

"With cell phones, nothing seems to be private anymore. Whitmore says.

Many of the new cell-phone booths are part architectural whimsy — a way for restaurant owners to provide a point of retro focus in their dining rooms. Oth-ers have been added for pure necessity. Greg Pyne, owner of the Brooklyn Cafe in Sandy Springs, Ga., got the idea in early 2003 after he was waiting for an important call during dinner at another upscale restaurant in Atlanta. "I started spying around," Pyne recalls. "Where would I go if I got the call?" The following week, he went to

a local antiques shop with a flatbed truck and rented a 1,700-pound British red cast-iron telephone booth for \$200 a month. With no room inside his cafe, he plopped it out front. Pyne doesn't charge to use his booth which is snonsored by Sprint and has pens, paper and a picture of Alexander Graham Bell inside "It's kind of like having the low-carb ontion on your menu he says. "We're giving them the option to be polite."

In Europe, where cell phone use is ubiquitous, a nascent industry has cropped up to make and promote modern cell-phone booths. Isomax Dekorative Laminate AG, of Wiener Neudorf, Austria, is proposing that its laminate cladding boards could be used to make a cellphone booth with retractable walls

Antti Evavaara, a furniture de signer in Orimattila, Finland, has sold hundreds of mobile-phone boxes for several thousand dollars each since 2002. The booths, dubbed "Silence," are designed for waiting areas, airports and hotel lobbies. They resemble C-shaped chairs with clear side panels. Evavaara recently announced plans to mass-produce the box in as many as 67 colors.
The most popular color so far: bright red.

The phenomenon isn't only for the chic restaurant set. At East Side Plating Inc., a metal-finish ing plant in Portland, Ore., compa-ny President Gary Rhenberg Soundsuckers.com, soundproofing company, to de-sign an insulated box that could be attached to a desk or wall and isolate workers who take orders by cordless phone.

"I needed to deaden some sound, but I didn't necessarily want to build an office," said Rhenberg. Now Soundsuckers sells about a dozen custom-made booths each year to factories and other high-decibel industrial environments

Libraries also are welcoming the booths to preserve quiet in their reading rooms. The University of Maryland's Thurgood Marshall Law Library has eight British-style phone booths, four with conventional phones, four dedicated to wireless calls. The booths provide privacy for students who are often discussing legal matters with local attorneys, says David Grahek, associate director for in struction at the library. The Boston Public Library is including a few phoneless booths in the architectural plans for its next two branch-renovation projects.

On the high end, booth promoters seem to be competing over who can install the most ornate box. The Biltmore Room in Manhattan, for example, has one adorned with padded leather, brass trim and a tiny chandelier from the original old hotel. Boxes like these can cost thousands of dollars, and offer a sense of nostalgia for a time when well-appointed booths were ubiquitous and smacked of mystery and ro-

The latter is precisely what drew Mitchell Bain to the Biltmore Room's booth to take a call from his girlfriend. "You have to keep the 'I love you's' private." he

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY **EXCHANGE RATES**

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PRECIOUS METALS

INTEREST RATES

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BY NANCY DUNNAN

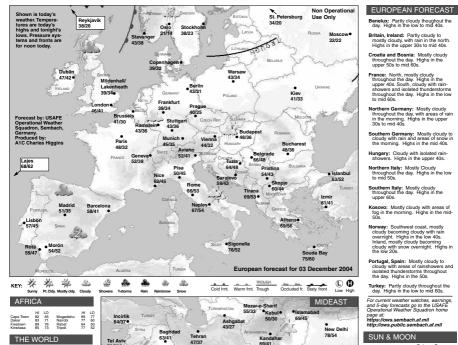
The cost of heating fuel is going up again this winter - by more than 25 percent, according to some experts.

Most utility companies publish energy savings suggestions. Check with yours by calling the consumer hot line. Others offer cash to customers who install efficiency equipment and weath-

er stripping. For a list of programs, check

out the Web site of The Edison Electric Institute, the electric utilities trade group, www.eei.org/wiseuse.

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Disease concerns

NC CHARLOTTE
Poor Rudolph won't
join in any reindeer games
in North Carolina this holiday season.

State wildlife officials worried about chronic-wasting disease — the deer-family equivalent of mad cow disease have banned the transportation of deer, elk, caribou and reindeer within the state.

within the state.

They have also blocked the import of the animals from other states in an effort prevent the spread of the disease to the wild

That keeps deer farmers from moving the animals to Christmas parties, hayrides and other holiday events and is costing some of them thousands of dollars.

deer population

The rules are a reaction to a fatal disease that has infected deer in at least 12 states, devastating entire herds. The state Wildlife Commission approved temporary rules two years ago designed to stop the disease from being carried into North Carolina. The rules became permanent this summer.

Police drive Chevys?

BONNERS FERRY — She's not exactly the little old lady from Pasadena.

Nita Friedman, 66, led police on a puttering pursuit, driving at or under the speed limit for 15 miles through two counties.

The creeping chase on U.S. Highway 95 ended when three of Friedman's tires were blown out by a mile ctain

Police chief Mike Hutter said Friedman reported being confused because she was being pulled over by a four-wheel-drive Chevy Silverado pickup with lights in the grill. He said Friedman told Hutter she was from New York, and that in New York police drive cars.

"She just doesn't understand that she was doing anything wrong," Hutter said.

The chase started in Bonner County after Hutter got reports of a reckless driver

Hutter said when he flipped on his lights and siren, it looked as if Friedman was pulling over. But she allegedly got back on the roadway and sped up to legal speeds between 50 mph and 60 mph.

Though Friedman never sped during the chase and even stopped behind a left-turning vehicle in Elmira, Hutter said he asked State Police to put a spike strip in the roadway.

When Friedman reached the spike strip, about three miles into Boundary County, she drove over it, stopped for a moment and then started driving again. But three of her tires were flattened, preventing her from getting far.

Friedman was charged with eluding police and reckless driving.

She was jailed on \$600 bail.

Not feeling optimistic

PA QUAKERTOWN — It's a glum day for optimists.

After 24 years of community service, the Quakertown Optimists Club is calling it quits. They're holding their last meeting on



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Thursday, citing declining interest.

"I feel sad," club president Bernard Kensky said.

Fewer club members were taking part in sporting and scholastic activities for children, and fewer kids were getting involved in club events, according to Kensky.

The group worked with schools to hold essay, spelling and public speaking contests for students, sponsored a youth bowling league and organized golf tournaments and football and basketball events.

A bicycle derby sponsored by

the club and the Quakertown police department drew only 12 children last year, down from previous attendance of 50 to 70 children, Kensky said.

"Four or five people would come

"Four or five people would come to meetings and only two or three people would help out with the activities," Kensky said. "I don't know why people stopped getting involved."

The Optimist Club is an international organization that formed in 1920. The Quakertown chapter started in 1980 with 35 members, but dropped to 15 members this year.

Quakertown is about 35 miles north of Philadelphia.

Surgeon presumed dead

SAN FRANCISCO — A nationally renowned San Francisco surgeon is presumed dead after vanishing while abalone div-



A hunting day

Deer hunter Todd Kingston walks back to the woods to continue hunting outside West Liberty, Pa., in Butler County. ing off the Mendocino County Coast.

A search-and-rescue team found an abalone pry bar and measuring tool belonging to William Krupski on Monday near the spot where he was last seen south of the coastal town of Mendocino. No other sign of Krupski was

found, Mendocino County Sheriff's Lt. Don Miller said. Krupski, a vascular sur-

Krupski, a vascular surgeon at Kaiser-Permanente Medical Center in San Francisco, was abalone diving with his wife, Ann.

Their floats drifted away in a strong current; Krupski's wife swam about 30 yards to retrieve them while he continued diving, according to Miller and family members. She told sheriff's investigators that her husband was gone when she returned.

"We know by what his wife told us that he was tired, but he was also intent on getting the last of the three abalone you are allowed to get on a sport fishing license," said Miller, who is an abalone diver himself. "We don't know what happened. No one witnessed it."

Archdiocese in the black

IN INDIANAPOLIS — The Roman Catholic Archdio-cese of Indianapolis expects to end 2004 in the black after seven years of deficits. The shortfalls of as much as \$2 million a year were caused by rising health care costs for employees and rising property insurance costs, officials said.

Chair accused of conflicts

CO DENVER — A consumer advocacy group asked the chairman of the Public Utilities Commission to step down during upcoming hearings on a request by Quest Communications to ease regulations.

The group accused Gregory Sopkin of violating conflict-of-interest rules when he took a leadership position on a board indirectly funded by Qwest and other companies.

Ice museum under way

Art Springs Resort began construction of a four-gallery ice muserum and chapet to be used for weddings. Owner Bernie Karl says he and ice carver Steve Brice learned important lessons since being forced to allow the Aurora Ice Hotel to melt last winter after ice chandeliers collapsed.

Innocence project ready

HARTFORD — The state public defender's office is ready to launch a program aimed at finding and freeing innocent people in state prisons. The Connecticut Innocence Project will seek out case evidence, especially DNA, that can exonerate immater.

Rep. open to audit idea

TALLAHASSEE — Representative Ron Reagan, the new chairman of the House committee that deals with elections, said he's open to considering the idea of backup paper audit trails for touch-screen voting machines. The systems were used in 15 Florida counties this year.



Lit with holiday spirit Scott Porter, with 3 Rivers Tree Service, carries giant holiday lights to the Caveman Bridge in Grants Pass, Ore.



Riding on the shore A bicyclist pedals across Daytona Beach, in Daytona Beach, Fla., after an outzoing tide left behind a scattering of shells.



Fish out of water
fish) that washed ashore 5 miles below New Bern, N.C., on the Neuse
River. The more than 300 pound fish was spotted swimming along the
shore and residents tried to push it out to deep water but it returned to
the beach and died. The Mola Mola is not rare along the ocean beaches
but is unusual this far up a bracklish river.



Winter weather sets in David Hughes and his dog Ty strolled by the piece "Sore throats come in three ways" by artist Tim Schaffer in a window display at Dolphin art gallery in downtown Kansas City, Mo., as the snow swirfed around them.



All covered up Snow falls on a cougar sculpture at Cougar Plaza in Pullman, Wash. Pullman is home to the Washington State University Cougars.



Surfing day done Surfer Joe Hiragawa leaves the water as the sun sets over Ocean Beach, San Francisco, on Tuesday.



Trying to catch some sun in Chicago.

Seagulls gather along a railing on the Chicago River to catch a few rays of morning sun as temperatures dipped below freezing

1 dead in bridge collapse

ND NEW TOWN — A section of a huge bridge under construction over a Missouri River reservoir collapsed, killing one worker and injuring three others, officials said.

The 4,200-foot Four Bears Bridge

in the 4,200-100 rour bears bringe is to be the longest in North Dakota when it is finished, and at \$55 million the most expensive transportation project undertaken by the state. It will replace a narrow, outdated bridge over 1 ske Sakskawea

dated bridge over Lake Sakakawea.
Gwen Lanzer, a spokeswoman
for St. Louis-based Fru-Con Construction, which began work on the
project in May 2003, said the company was trying to determine what

happened.

The bridge was scheduled to be completed next summer.

Burial records on Web

SPRINGFIELD — History buffs who want to know who's buried next to Abraham Lincoln soon will be able to search digital versions of Oak Ridge Cemetery's earliest burial records on the Internet. The cemetery gets 2.5 million visitors each year.

Former judge arrested

INVERNESS — Gary Graham, whose controversial judicial career in Citrus County ended a decade ago with his removal from the bench, was arrested and accused of committing sex crimes against two 10-year-old girls.

Graham, 56, is charged with two counts of lewd and lascivious conduct and one count of sexual battery on a child younger than 12, an arrest report showed. He was being held without bail in the Citrus County jail.

Graham has been a subject of controversy through much of his legal career. As county court judge, Graham once ordered a man to kill poisonous snakes that had bitten a neighbor and were ruled a menace.

He sent several people to jail for using foul language or otherwise acting contemptuously in court.

Man, officer disagree

PA BELLE VERNON—A man accused of pointing a loaded handgun at a police officer says he's only guilty of wearing tight ieans.

Sean Eldon Duvall, 36, was arrested Tuesday on charges including aggravated assault and reckless endangerment for the June 18 incident.

Southwest Regional Police Detective Sgt. James Rega said in court papers that Duvall left his car with the .38-caliber revolver hidden under papers and aimed it at him when he stopped to see if Duvall needed help.

Duvall told The Associated Press that he didn't need help; he said he was just stepping out of his car to go to a friend's house to play chess.

Duvall acknowledged he had his gun with him, but said he has a permit to carry it, which he tried to show Rega. By law, the gun must be concealed, but Duvall said he couldn't conceal it under his pants while sitting in his car because his jeans were too tight.

Duvall said that's why left the car with the gun sandwiched among some magazines.

"The magazines were the bread and the gun was the meat," he said.

A district justice is scheduled to hear both sides of the story on Dec.

Ship decommissioning

MS PASCAGOULA — The USS Yorktown will be removed from service Friday during a decommissioning ceremony, two months after its sister ship, Ticonderoga, was towed from the Naval Station Pascagoula. The Yorktown will join Ticonderoga at the Navy's Inactive Ships Maintenance Facility in Pennsylvania.

Skip Mass if you're sick

MA BOSTON — Roman Catho-lic leaders in Springfield and Boston are urging influenza-prone parishioners to forego handshakes and communion wine, and Springfield Bishop Timothy McDonnell is excusing ill church goers from Mass altogether. The recommendations follow a flu vaccine shortage. McDonnell also said that receiving both the communion wafer and a sip of wine "is generally encouraged but is not a necessity," and that bread alone will suf-fice. The "sign of peace" between parishioners - typically a handshake — can be accomplished as easily with "a simple and friendly nod and/or wave," he said.

Da Vinci dispute ongoing

IN EVANSVILLE — Jurors could decide next summer if Leonardo da Vinci scribbled in the margins of a rare Renaissance-era book, the subject of a legal dispute that will require document experts and handwriting specialists.

The dispute centers around a 2001 contract concerning a 15th-century text that is valuable in its own right as a rare book. It could be worth significantly more if da Vinci made the notations in the margins.

The Evansville couple who owned the manuscript and hired an art dealer to sell it for them contend the handwriting is da Vinci's; the dealer contends it's a forgery.

This week, lawyers for both sides agreed the disputed manuscript will remain with the Akron, Ohio, art dealer and won't be sold or disposed of until the suit is resolved.

Enormous gallstone

LOS ANGELES — A gallstone the size of a golf ball — about 16 times the size of a normal one — has been removed from a 56-year-old man, doctors say. The massive growth was the result of a stent inadvertently left in his body from a pancreatic operation more than a decade ago.

Gonzalo Medina underwent surgery Monday at a hospital in Los Angeles. The procedure "went fine," according to his doctor, Ian Ken-

"In 30 years of treating gallstones, I have never seen one of this size," Kenner said, adding it was amazing that Medina wasn't killed by it. "It's a tribute to the human body, and in this case, a particularly resilient one."

More than a year ago, Medina began suffering from chills, stomach pain and fever.

Medina previously underwent a procedure that sends shock waves to the gallstone to fragment it while the patient is submerged in water. He will likely face more operations, doctors said.

Stories and photos from wire services

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10:30	Between the Lions (EI)	toll on the 1970s pop icon.	(:35) The View	Advisory Block			The Look for Less	Pacific Report
11:00	Sagwa-Siamese Cat	(10:48) Movie ★★★ "The Talk		King of the Hill	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	E! News Live	King of the Hill
11:30	Stanley	of the Town" (1942, Comedy) Cary Grant, Jean Arthur.	(:17) General Hospital Headline News	That '70s Show "I'm Free"	Primetime Thursday	College Basketball Nebraska	The King of Queens That '70s Show	That '70s Show "I'm Free"
12:00	Dora the Explorer The Wiggles	Ronald Colman.	Judge Judy	The Apprentice	Primetime Inursday	at Alabama-Birmingham.	Girlfriends	The Apprentice
12:30	Bob the Builder	Movie * * "First Daughter"		Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of	Good Morning America	(Taped)	Charmed 'Witch Way Now?'	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of
13:30	Dragon Tales (EI)	(1999) Mariel Hemingway. A Secret Service anent must res-	Time.	Fire (N)				Fire (N)
14:00	Blue's Clues Barney & Friends (EI)	cue the president's daughter.		Pacific Report		SportsCenter	Ally McBeal "Do You Wanna Dance?"	Pacific Report
14:30 15:00	Funniest Home Videos	(2:49) Movie *** "Rising	Teacher's Pet (EI)	The Tonight Show	Headline News	College Football Teams to Be	Any Day Now "It's Not Just a	The Tonight Show
15:30	Full House "Fuller House"	Sun" (1993) Sean Connery.	What's New Scooby-Doo?	Late Show	Channel One	Announced.	Word" (Part 2 of 2)	Late Show
16:00	Pokémon	Detectives investigate a murder at a Japanese corporation.	Ozzy & Drix "Puberty Alert"		The Early Show	1	ER "Lockdown"	
16:30	Yu-Gi-Oh! "Mime Control" Aaahh! Real Monsters	Gwyneth Paltrow Revealed	The Brothers Garcia Jeopardy!	Access Hollywood Headline News		SportsCenter	Law & Order "Bad Girl"	Access Hollywood Headline News
17:00 17:30	Rocket Power	Actress Gwyneth Paltrow.	Jeopardy: Headline News	The Late Late Show		Sportscenter	Law & Order Bad Gill	The Late Late Show
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Backstories	ESPNews	The Lake Lake Onon	FOX News	Tennis Davis Cup Final Round	The Simpsons	THE EAST EAST CHOICE
18:30	Rugrats	Entertainment Tonight	AFN Evening News	Dennis Miller		United States vs. Spain. Sin- oles matches. From Seville	Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
19:00	All Grown Up (Part 1 of 2) Dave the Barbarian	Movie ** * "State and Main" (2000) Alec Baldwin, A	King of the Hill That '70s Show 'I'm Free'	Countdown With Keith Olber-	Primetime Thursday	Spain. (Live)	Charmed "The Courtship of Wyatt's Father"	Countdown With Keith Olber-
19:30	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	Hollywood film crew disturbs	That '70s Show 'I'm Free' The Apprentice	Countdown With Keith Olber- mann	FOX News	1	Boston Public "Chapter Thirty-	mann With Keith Olber-
20:00	Drake & Josh	the peace of a Vermont town.		Entertainment Studios.com	1		Seven"	Entertainment Studios.com
21:00	That's So Raven	(8:48) Movie ★ * "The Saint"	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of	Today Mike Nichols; It's Cojo-	Headline News		Blue Planet	Today Mike Nichols; It's Cojo-
21:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	(1997, Adventure) Val Kilmer. A master of disquise finds ro-	Fire (N)	Time.	Inside Politics	The Hot List	Friends	Time.
22:00	Radio Free Roscoe	mance and danger in England.	The Tonight Show		Headline News	NFL Live	Seinfeld "The Money"	-
23:00	The Cosby Show	Movie * * "Get Over It"	i -	Oobi	Lester Holt Live	Around the Horn	The Daily Show	Oobi
23:30	Home Improvement	(2001, Comedy) Kirsten Dunst.	Late Show	Clifford the Big Red Dog (El)		Pardon the Interruption	Blind Date	Clifford the Big Red Dog (EI)
	Hey Arnold!	(11:00) Movie "Get Over It"	(11:30) Late Show	SATURDAY, DECEMBER All Grown Up (Part 1 of 2)	4, 2004 Theadline News	Sports Center	Late Night	All Grown Up (Part 1 of 2)
00:00	Rocket Power	(:40) Movie ***	Access Hollywood	Powerpuff Girls!	NBC Nightly News	SportsCenter	Late Night	Dave the Barbarian
1:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	"Marathon Man" (1976, Sus-	Sports	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	ABC World News Tonight	1	Charmed 'The Courtship of	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius
1:30	Rugrats	pense) Dustin Hoffman, Lau- rence Olivier. A graduate stu-		Drake & Josh	CBS Evening News	NBA Shootaround	Wyatt's Father	Drake & Josh
2:00	All Grown Up (Part 1 of 2) Dave the Barbarian	dent is at the mercy of a Nazi war criminal		Sports	Countdown With Keith Olber- mann	NBA Basketball Detroit Pis- tons at San Antonio Spurs.	Boston Public "Chapter Thirty- Seven"	Sports
3:00	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	Movie ** * "State and			Hannity & Colmes	From the SBC Center in San Antonio. (Live)	Blue Planet	
3:30	Drake & Josh	Main" (2000) Alec Baldwin. A Hollywood film crew disturbs				Antonio. (Live)		
4:00	That's So Raven Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	the peace of a Vermont town.			The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	NBA Basketball Indiana Pac-	Friends Seinfeld "The Money"	
5:00	Sesame Street (EI)		Headline News	WWE Raw	Lou Dobbs Tonight	ers at Sacramento Kings, From	Breathingspace Yoga	WWE Raw
5:30		(1997, Adventure) Val Kilmer. A master of disquise finds ro-	ESPNews		-	ARCO Arena in Sacramento, Calif (Live)	Caribbean Workout	
6:00	Barney & Friends (EI) Blue's Clues "Bugs!"	mance and danger in England.	Headline News Headline News	Headline News Navy/Marine Corps News	Larry King Live		Body Shaping Every Woman	Headline News Navv/Marine Corps News
6:30 7:00	Planet's Funniest Animals	Movie *** "Good Morning,	Oobi	My Life as a Teenage Robot	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	SportsCenter	Beautiful Homes-Estates	That's So Raven
7:30	Amazing Animal Videos	Vietnam" (1987, Comedy-Dra- ma) Bohin Williams, Forest		Operation Junkyard (EI)			Curb Appeal	Switched!
8:00	Lilo & Stitch "Fibber" Teamo Supremo (EI)	Whitaker, Tung Thanh Tran.	All Grown Up (Part 1 of 2) Dave the Barbarian	Radio Free Roscoe American Adventurer	BET Nightly News Tavis Smiley	NFL Game of the Week	Landscapers' Challenge Weekend Warriors	Radio Free Roscoe American Adventurer
8:30 9:00	Static Shock "Hard as Nails"	(:13) Movie ★★5 "Who Am	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	Access Hollywood	Nightline	College Basketball Memphis	Clean House	Access Hollywood
9:30	Kim Possible "Blush" (EI)	1?" (1998, Action) Jackie Chan. A special agent with amnesia	Drake & Josh	,,	Nightly Business Report	at Purdue. (Taped)		,
10:00	Teen Titans Teenage Mutant Ninia Turt.	flees his former boss.	That's So Raven Switched!	Headline News ESPNews	Hardball With Chris Matthews		BBQ With Bobby Flay \$40-a-Day	Headline News ESPNews
10:30	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turt. Dragonball GT	Movie *** "Terminator 2:	Switched! Focus on the Force	George Lopez	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	\$40-a-Day Fashion Police	According to Jim "Paintball"
11:30	Justice League	Judgment Day" (1991) Arnold	American Adventurer	Half & Half	1		It's Good to Be	Half & Half
12:00	Teen Kids News (EI) Cyberchase "Eureeka!" (EI)	Schwarzenegger. Cyborgs bat- tie for a youth who holds the	Access Hollywood	CSI: Miami "Stalkerazzi"	Dateline NBC	Inside the NFL	101 Most Unforgettable SNL Moments	CSI: Miami "Stalkerazzi"
12:30	Cyberchase "Eureeka!" (EI) Endurance "Plank Maze" (EI)	key to the future.	WWE Raw	Law & Order: Special Victims	CNN Saturday Morning	NBA Basketball Detroit Pis-	Intimate Portrait "Kelly Pre-	Law & Order: Special Victims
13:30	Scout's Safari "The Gift" (EI)	(:32) Movie *x "Picture Per-	1	Unit "Home"		tons at San Antonio Spurs. From the SBC Center in San	ston"	Unit "Home"
14:00	Animal Kidding	fect" (1997) Jennifer Aniston. A single gal pretends to be en-	According to Jim "Paintball"	Headline News	20/20	Antonio.	Antiques Roadshow "Char- lotte. North Carolina"	Headline News
14:30 15:00	Most Extreme: Births Extreme	gaged to further her career.	Half & Half CSI: Miami "Stalkerazzi"	Saturday Night Live	Today	SportsCenter	Star Trek: Voyager "Faces"	Saturday Night Live
15:00	births in the animal kingdom.	(:29) Movie * * "Have Rock-	Our midilii Oldinolazzi			oporto deliter	our nen royayer races	
16:00	Hercules: The Legendary Jour- neys "The King of Thieves"	et, Will Travel" (1959) The Three Stooges, Jerome Cowan.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Home"	Kickin' It Latest in music and trends		NFL Live	Ripley's Believe It or Not	Kickin' It Latest in music and trends
16:30 17:00	Aaahh! Real Monsters	Movie ★★ "In the Company	Headline News	The Entertainers	Wall Street Journal Report	College Gameday	Fear Factor	The Entertainers
17:00	Rocket Power	of Spies" (1999) Tom	Navy/Marine Corps News		America's Black Forum	1		
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	Berenger. À retired CIA agent is called back to rescue a friend.	Sports	Sports	News From CNN	Inside the NFL	What Not to Wear "Misti" A woman into the punk look.	Sports
18:30	Rugrats Movie *** "A Christmas	Movie ★% "Dude, Where's My			Dateline NBC	College Football Virginia Tech		-
19:00	Story" (1983, Comedy) Peter	Car?" (2000) Ashton Kutcher,			Datemie NDO	at Miami. (Live)	living room.	
20:00	Billingsley, Darren McGavin.	Seann William Scott.			Headline News	1	Tru Calling 'Pilot'	1
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22:00	My So-Called Life 'So-Called	Rea. An Irish rebel steps up the fight to break British rule.			FOX News		Friends	1
22:30	Angels" The Simpsons	Movie * * "Above the Rim"			FOX News	College Football USC at UCLA. (Live)	Seinfeld "The Comeback" The Real World	-
23:00	The Simpsons	(1994) Duane Martin, Leon.				1 (,	Punk'd	1



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Officials eye Knight in awards melee

Police and probation officials have been reviewing video of the melee at the Vibe Awards show to determine

if Marion "Suge" Knight played a role in the altercation. The rap producer has denied any involvement in the incident in which a man struck Dr. Dre twice, sparking a brawl in which the attacker was stabbed and seriously injured.

Dre, who real name is Andre Young, met with authorities Monday at the Santa Monica police station and de-manded that his attacker, Jimmy "James" Johnson, be charged with assault and battery

Videotape shows Johnson punching Dre on Nov. 16 at the second annual awards show. Johnson was then stabbed, allegedly by Young Buck, a rapper who is a protege of Dr. Dre.

Young Buck, whose real name is David Darnell Brown. surrendered Nov. 19 to authorities and is scheduled to be arraigned Dec. 20

The force is with Cal State Long Beach

"Star Wars" creator George Lucas donated \$100,000 to California State University, Long Beach, for film department scholarships and equipment.

Lucas donated the money at the request of the Department of Film and Electronic Arts. Although Lucas attended the University of Southern Califor-

nia, director Steven Spielberg, his close friend, went to Cal State Long

Beach. The university needed the money

to fix or repair equipment damaged by an October storm. A satellite dish on the department's building fell through the roof during the storm, allowing water to seep into the build-

The department may not have been able to restore damaged cameras, projectors and videotape machines without the Lucas donation.

department chair Craig Smith said recently The university's two-year undergraduate film program popular among aspiring filmmakers. Alumni include John Dykstra, who won an Oscar for visual effects for "Star Wars"; David Twohy, who wrote and directed "Pitch Black" and "The Chronicles of Riddick"; and

Mark Steven Johnson, writer and director of "Daredev-Prince Harry's knee injury bothersome

Prince Harry will delay his entry into Britain's prestigious military academy to allow him to fully recover from a knee injury, royal officials said.

Harry had been due to enroll at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in January. But the office of his father. Prince

Charles, said Tuesday that Harry wouldn't start until May. The 20-year-old, who is third in line to the throne, injured his knee training with the army before his



His knee has continued to trouble him in recent months and the injury sidelined him from playing polo during a stay at a polo farm in Argentina this month

Tuesday's statement said Harry wanted to make sure he was 100 percent prepared for his entry to the academy, where students face a grueling schedule in their first weeks

Nanny sues Imus, his wife and networks

A former nanny who worked for Don Imus has sued the radio and television personality, claiming he wrong-fully fired her, chased her off his New Mexico ranch in the middle of the night, and then trashed her on his radio

Nichole C. Mallette, 24, says in court papers that Imus apparently became upset about a small knife that she carried in a sheath on her belt, and about a cap pistol she had brought to the ranch for his 6-year-old son.

She says the boy had told her he had permission to play with cap guns at the ranch but the lawsuit, filed Monday, says she never gave the cap pistol to the boy.

Mallette is seeking unspecified damages, saying she was wrongfully terminated, defamed and subjected to intentional emotional distress. Her lawsuit names Imus, his wife, NBC, MSNBC and Westwood One.

"I stuck my foot in my mouth and said, 'Wait a minute.

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> Charles Shaughnessy actor who played Maxwell Sheffield on "The Nanny



That unmistakable whine is back! Fran Drescher, center, hosts a reunion of the cast from her sitcom "The Nanny" at her seaside Malibu, Calif., home.

A nosh to remember

Fran Drescher throws reunion party for cast of 'The Nanny'

BY BRIDGET BYRNE The Associated Press

MALIBU, Calif. - Fran Drescher's distinctive voice cuts through the noisy chaos of actors and production people crowding the deck of her beachfront home. "Hi, everyone. How you doing?"

The star, known for her nasally whine, Yiddish exclama-tions, and ability to make a word like "wow" last as long as a sentence, was hosting a reunion of the cast from "The

Nanny." The gathering was staged as a dinner party where the leading lady and her co-stars reminisced. Their semi-scripted chatter was then intercut with clips from the series, which ran on CBS from 1993 to '99

The result: "The Nanny Reunion: A Nosh to Remember" airing Dec. 6 on Lifetime, which shows weekday reruns of the sitcom.

At first, Drescher was reluctant to do a reunion special about Fran Fine, the middle-class girl from Queens who stumbles into a job taking care of a rich man's kids.

"Much as I love the show - I TiVo reruns so I can watch it whenever I want - I was feeling like I need to grow as an artist and let the audience see me doing other things," Drescher says

In a case of classic Hollywood deal making, a compromise was struck: To get Drescher to agree, Lifetime offered her the chance to direct and appear on "Strong Medi-

The episode she directed aired in September, and the guest shot came on the medical drama's 100th episode in October. She played a uterine cancer patient who sues an insurance company for not including basic tests in their

(The 47-year-old Drescher, who survived the same kind of cancer, is a vocal advocate for women's health care and wrote the best sellers "Cancer Schmancer" and "Enter Whining.") So was the use and disruption of Drescher's home also in the reunion deal? Seems it was more about correctness than career.

Why don't we do it at my house?' never thinking it was going to be such an enormous undertaking," Drescher "But I'm an overachiever and if I was going to do this reunion show, it was very important to me that it be done correctly. That means being inventive, being original, making it better than the regular run-of-the-mill ones, having it he funnier ' She co-opted ex-husband Peter Jacobson, with whom

she created the series, to direct. The lavish food was prepared by one of Wolfgang Puck's restaurants. The one thing she couldn't arrange was the weather, which lacked the sunset-over-the-sea that had been hoped for.

The cast members who attended included everyone but Daniel Davis (the butler) who was working out of town.

Drescher's parents, Morty and Sylvia Drescher, were there, her mother being a look-alike for Renee Taylor, who played Fine's mother, Sylvia. The series included many familial incidents drawn from

Drescher's real upbringing. "I tapped into a simpler time in my life surrounded by all the rich and wonderful charac-ters I grew up with," says Drescher. She describes Fine as "fun, funny, immature and sexy.

Her life was much less complicated than mine and I really liked being in her skin everyday."

Charles Shaughnessy, who played Fine's boss and love interest, Maxwell Sheffield, says the series was a "blend of great slapstick - Fran is a wonderful physical comedian and obviously had studied Lucille Ball a lot - but it was also a very sweet, romantic comedy, and a fish-out-ofwater story Drescher is getting back into sitcoms next year in a WB

series currently titled "Shacking Up." She describes her character as "a sexy divorcee who's living with a man much, much younger - closer to her son's age."

But moving from Fran Fine in "The Nanny" to Fran Reeves in the new sitcom won't mean leaving behind the essentials that made Drescher famous.

"It's always more or less that larger-than-life persona. They wrap it in another story, but the audience kind of accepts it, because it's really me," she says, laughing, well, iust like Fran.

Stories and photos from wire reports

Horoscope

The moon void of course this morning contributes to the general mood of restlessness and anticipation of ... what? That sense of not knowing is both

maddening and delicious. As long as we stay in the dark, whatever it is behind the proverbial door No. 3 becomes the projection of all our hopes. What are you

wishing for? TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 3). Life is as fancy free as you allow it to be. Loved ones influence you in new ways - your interests are changing, and your relationships bloom with the shift. Get out of town, and take a well-deserved break next month. Luck comes from the people you

water signs (Pisces, Scorpio and ARIES (March 21-April 19). Just when a situation starts to feel like it's taking over your life, a friend

meet on your journeys, especially

Cancer)

offers a chance for adventure. You remember adventure, right? Consider how many of the seven wonders of the world you've seen. Explore.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You usually can be counted on as the emotional rock, the stabilizing force, the one who soldiers on no matter what. So the effusively sentimental mood vou're in today is seen as an anomaly and may amuse

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your role as "whistle-blower" is tough for you, as you are used to being liked by all sides. You'll be the one to spot the element of the plan (or the character involved) that is on

the shifty side (if not downright indecent or dangerous). CANCER (June 22-July 22). Bring plenty of initiative to the table When you dare to want more, you're more likely to find a way to get

more. Someone who knows the secret shortcuts is nearby. Turn up your instinct, and locate this person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The super volcano that is now Yellowstone devastated the Western Hemi-

sphere some 640,000 years ago. Now, it's the first and most fantastic national park. There's hope for that area of your life you currently think is a catastrophe.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can't believe what you hear



Someone close may be trying to smirch a perceived rival by spreading false rumors. Sticking up for the underdog is just one of the ways you make a difference in this

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Life is a game, and you are, in the hippest sense of the word, a player. A clever

maneuver you make in the early part of a project gives you the edge that will keep you in the

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes in life, as in chess, a nawn must be sacrificed in order to gain an attacking position. Be smart. Make sure you completely understand your role in a situation. See

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You relate your story well. In fact, you're such a witty teller of anecdotes that you'll be invited to see new places and get to know new people. It's fun to care for the non-verbal ways you communicate

that the pawn isn't you.

to the world, too. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll find yourself being reviewed in some way. Others shiver and shake under such circumstances, but you're as ready and cool as a Swiss Alps ski vacation. You coast your way into a beautiful offering

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have no time to waste. Then again, you have never considered taking a different route home or venturing into the unknown to be a waste of time! A field trip is featured, especially one that is short, direct and memorable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You're not alone in what you believe, but your communication style is pretty unique. Finding people you relate to is the unconscious quest of the day. A witty gambit opens a fascinating conversation.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equal L

The needle and the damage done

Dear Abby: A person very dear to my heart, "Ruth," has always donated to her community blood drives. It's a form of philanthropy she enjoys. Ruth remarried a few months ago and asked her new husband, "Tony," to attend the blood drive

with her. His reply left her stunned and changed her life forever. Tony confided that in his youth, he had been a needle-type drug user and now he can't give blood

Mind you, Tony is a good, hardworking, straight-arrow man now, but he was foolish in his youth. When Ruth went to the blood drive, she was asked: "In the past 12 months have you slept with anyone who has ever used a needle?" She explained that yes, as a teenager, her husband had done drugs She was told that as long as she is with Tony, she can't give

blood anymore. Ruth is hurt and angry at her husband for what he took from her. I feel lost as a friend about what to say to help

Abby, Tony's drug use was more than 27 years ago. Is Ruth right that this will

follow them forever and she can never give blood again?

- Gift of Life Gone in Maryland

Dear Gift: Your letter is a pertinent reminder that youthful experimentation can have

lifelong consequences. Those rules were established for a good reason — to protect our

blood supply It might lift your friend's spirits if you remind her that there are other things she can do to contribute to her community. She could volunteer to work at the blood drive in some capacity other than a donor. She could also hold

"the cause." Rather than blaming her husband at this late date, she should respect the rules and explore her other options.

Dear Abby: My nephew, who is also my godson, has decided to marry my youngest stepdaughter. Which side of the church should I sit on - the bride's or the groom's side? My husband and children think I should sit on the groom's side. I am afraid someone will feel hurt

- Betwixt and Between in Florida

Dear Betwixt: Ask your nephew and stepdaughter where they would like you to sit and abide by their decision. The alternative would be to bring a folding chair and sit in the middle

no matter what I do

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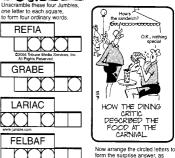
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Jumbles: STOOP APRON MEDLEY Answer: What her college-bound son did when Mom taught him to do laundry -- "SOAKED" IT UP

suggested by the above cartoon.

a bake sale to raise funds for **Brother teaching niece intolerance**

Dear Annie: My cousin, "Steve," is a homosexual. He is very nice and compassionate, but lives far away, and we see him only once or twice a

My brother never had a good relationship with Steve, and the old conflicts have now started to reannear. At a recent family gathering, my niece told my daughter that Steve was a "bad man" because he's gay and not to be nice to him or "you could catch

the disease." I was shocked to hear these cruel statements coming from such an innocent child's mouth. until I learned that my brother had been teaching her these things. I'm horrified that this has been going on, but reluctant to start yet another conflict. What should I do

- Tolerant Cousin Dear Cousin: Shame on your brother for deliberately reinforcing ignorance in his own child and teaching her to be intolerant.

Annie's Mailbox

Make sure your own children are better informed, and if your niece should say any of these things in your presence, feel free to correct her misimpressions. Unfortunately, unless you are willing to get into a fight with your brother, you cannot otherwise tell him how to raise his child

Dear Annie: I have

been happily married for over 20 years to a wonderful man who is 10 years younger. The age difference has never been an issue until recently, when my husband decid ed to wash the years out of his hair. The distinguished and very attractive gray is completely gone. He looks quite youthful, and now our age difference is very notice-

All these years I have tried to look my best in a wholesome way — healthy lifestyle, practical makeup and a positive attitude This latest development makes me feel old. My husband refuses to take my concerns seriously. He laughingly says it's HIS hair, HIS body. HIS choice and it's no big

My annoyance is now turning to frustration and obsession. Should I be considering plastic surgery

— The Older Wife Dear Older Wife: Do you have reason to suspect your husband's new look is a sign of dissatisfaction with you or an effort to make himself more attractive to younger women? If so, plastic surgery isn't going to fix it, and if not, it is a drastic step to take because you

are feeling insecure. If the situation were reversed ould you consider it a problem? Probably not. Unless you believe something else is going on, please

don't turn this into "Extreme Makeover." Remember, the most important thing is a youthful attitude. Talk to your husband about your fears so he can reassure you.

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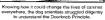
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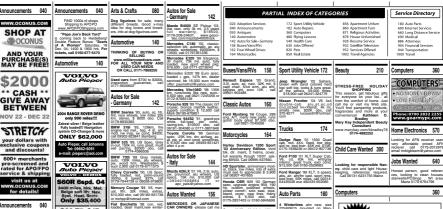
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Saturday

AFN-Atlantic, 1:30 a.m.—College basket-ball: Memphis at Purdue. AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—NBA: Detroit at San Anonio. **AFN-Pacific, 4:30 a.m.**—Boxing, Rocky Jua-P7 (21-0) vs. Guty Espadas Jr. (38-6), feather-

veights. **AFN-Sports, 4:30 a.m.**—NBA: Indiana at Sacamentó.

AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.—NFL: NFL Films Game fr the Week II (did).

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—College basketball: Wemphis at Purdue (did).

AFN-Sports, 1 p.m.—NBA: Detroit at San Anonio (did).

onio (did). AFN-Atlantic, 6 p.m.—College basketball: entucky at North Carolina. AFN-Pacific, 6 p.m.—College basketball: Inliana at Connecticut.

AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.—College football: Atlan-c Coast Conference championship game.

tic Coast Conference championship game, Virginia Tech at Miami. AFN-Atlantic and Pacific, 8:30 p.m.—Col-lege football: Army vs. Navy. AFN-Sports, 10:30 p.m.—College football: Southern Cal at UCLA.

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Sunday

ARZONA CARDINALS (4-7) AT DETROIT
LIONS (4-7) — Cardinalss (UESTIONABLE: BR

Emmitt Smith (toe). PROBABLE: DT Russell
Dayls (foct): TLeonard Dayls (free): DT Dayls

string). Lions: OUT: LB Boss Bailey (knee): WR Edile Drummond (Shoulder). OUESTIONABLE: DE Jarred DeViries (groin). PROBABLE: TI
Stephen Alexander (ankleb): WR AZ-Zahir

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ATLANTA FALCONS (9-2) AT TAMPA BAY RUCCANFERS (4-7) — Falcons: OUFSTION-BUCCANEERS (4-7) — Falcons: QUESTION-ABLE: WR Brian Finneran (ankle): CB Jason Webster (groin). PROBABLE: RB Justin Grif-ith (knee): DE Brady Smith (ankle). Bucca-neers: OUT: S Jermaine Phillips (arm). PROB-ABLE: WR Joey Galloway (ankle): QB Brid-Griese (hlp); C Sean Mahan (shoulder); DT

wayne White (calf). UFFALO BILLS (5-6) AT MIAMI DOLPHINS CHIEF AND BELLEY THE AT THE THE PART AND THE CHIEF AND THE LEANS SAINTS (4-7) - Panthers: DOUBTFUL: LB Dan Morgan (concussion). QUESTION
ABLE: LB Brian Allen (pectoral); DT Brentson
Buckner (knee); WR Karl Hankton (ham (right thumb); RB Brad Hoper (hip); K John Kasay (right calf); DT Kindal Moorehead (ankle); DE Kemp Rasmussen (neck), Saints;

Schieg, (Gg) Cally, TT Kind J Moorehead, 1967.

COUNTIN-LE DESCRICTOR ROBERT PROBACI, OLEDESCRICTOR STORE CHARGERS (8-3) — Broncos: OUT: DE Trei Pryce (back). DOUBTFUL: DT Luther Ell calf). PROBABLE: RB Reuben Drough (call), PROBABLE. RB Reuben Droughins (hand); WR Ashley Lelle (high); S. John Lynch (gelvis); WR Rod Davis (lower leg fracture). PROBABLE: RB Jesse Chatman (toe); DI Eric Downing (knee); WR Tim Dwight (loe); LB Steve Foley (neck); LB Randall Godfrey (knee); S. Hank Milligan (hanstring); S. Jerry Wilson (shoul-

er).

GREEN BAY PACKERS (7-4) AT PHILADEL-HIA EAGLES (10-1) — Packers: QUESTION-BLE: RB Najeh Davenport (ribs), PROBABLE: W Robert Ferguson (foot/groin); RB Ahman ABLE: RB Najeh Davenport (ribs), PROBABLE: WR Robert Ferguson (foot/groin); RB Ahman Green (rib); DT Grady Jackson (knee); S Bhawoh Jue (hip); S Darren Sharper (knee), Bagles: DOUBTFUL: RB Reno Mahe (ankle); Eagles: DOUBTFUL: RB Reno Mahe (ankle):
DE Jerome McDougle (knee). QUESTIONABLE: DE Derrick Burgess (ribs); G ArtisHicks (knee); G Jermane Mayberry (call); LB
Nate Wayne (hamstring), PROBABLE: LB
Kelth Adams (lliness/ankle): CB Roderick
Hood (back); G Steve Sciulio (quadricep); CB Lito Sheppard (lower leg contusion); TE L.J. Smith (hamstring); DT Hollis Thomas

Groin).

HOUSTON TEXANS (5-6) AT NEW YORK
JETS (8-3) — Texans: DOUBTFUL: RB Tony
Hollings (hamstring), QUESTIONABLE: LB Jaso
Foreman (shoulder), S Jason Simmons
(head), PROBABLE: K Kris Brown (left hip); S
Marcus Coleman (shoulder), Jets: QUESTIONABLE: WB Jerrich Ostchery (hamstring); LB
Victor Hobson (ankle); QB Chad Pennington
(right shoulder), PROBABLE: LB Jason Glemo Vector Household Language and Land Pennangkon (Language Language L

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SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (1-10) AT ST. LOUIS RAMS (5-6) — 49ers: OUT: C Jeremy Newher-RAMS (5-6) — 49ers: DUT: C Jeremy Newber-ry (back/knee): CB Ahmed Plummer (neck), QUESTIONABLE: LB Ray Wells (ankle), PROB-ABLE: CB Jimmy Williams (too), Rams: OUT-G Chris Dishman (knee), DUBTFUL: CB Dejuan Groce (knee), QUESTIONABLE: S Ae-neas Williams (neck), PROBABLE: S Adam Archuleta (back); WR Isaac Bruce (wrist); RB Marshall Faulk (knee); TE Brandon Manu-

maleuna (knee).
TENNESSEE TITANS (4-7) AT INDIANAPOLIS
COLTS (8-3) — Titans: Old: T Brad Hopkins Chill Sept. 1 - Times Colf 2 - Times

Groin): WR Troy Wallers (upper arm fraz-PTTSBURGH STELERS (10-1) AT ACKSON-VILLE JAGUARS (6-3) — Steelers: (UT; 18 Ken-eral) Bell (group). Det Steet Kessel, Utim-rel) Bell (group). Det Steet Kessel, Utim-ABLE, WR Plaxico Burress (hampting): Ra (kene): Le James Harrison (shoulder): C, pel (kene): Le James Harrison (shoulder): C, pel (kene): Le James Harrison (shoulder): C, pel Harrison (shoulder): C, pel Jaguarse (UV; WR Jermaine Lewis (concub-lan): De Book Merer (make). Cutter 1: The KLE. surif; DE KOD Meler (ankle), QUESTIONABLE: CB Juran Bolden (groin). PROBABLE: TE Kyle Brady (concussion); TE Brian Jones (shoul-der); DT Derrick Ransom (shoulder); DT Mar-cus Stroud (knee); TE George Wrighster (back).

Monday

DALLAS COWBOYS (4-7) AT SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (6-5) — Cowboys: OUFSTIONERS HAWKS (6-) - Cowboys: QUESTIONABLE: G Andre Gurode (knee). PROBABLE: RB Richie Anderson (concussion). Seahawks: QUT: LB Chad Brown (knee); LB Tracy White (ham-string). QUESTIONABLE: RB Kerry Carter (Tro): D Echike Obea

College basketball

Men's Top 25 fared

Wednesday

1. Wake Forest (5-1) lost to No. 5 Illinois
91-73. Next: vs. Richmond, Saturday.
2. Kansas (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Pacif-

2. Kansas (-9-) dia not play, Next: vs. radii-2. Kansas (-6-) beat St. Bonaventure 9-1-5. Next: vs. Colgate, Saturday, 4. Georgia Ferd. (-9-) did not play, Next: vs. 6. Billionis (5-9) beat No. 1 Wake Forest 7-7. Next: at Arkansas, Saturday, vs. Washington State, Saturday, vs. Washington State, Saturday, vs. Occupancy (-2-) did not play, Next: vs. Indians, Saturday, did not play, Next: vs. Next: Mannas, Saturday, or. Next: Arkansas, Saturday, vs. Washington State, Saturday, vs

a. Kentucky (4-b) did not play. Next: vs. o. North Carolina, Saturday play. Next: at No. 9. North Carolina (5-1b) beat Indiana 70-63. Next: vs. No. 8 Kentucky, Saturday. 10. Duke (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Valparaiso, Saturday.

10. Duke (4/2) did nof light, Netter, sv. Jan-pariao, Saturdus, et.) did not play, Netti-vo, George Washington, Saturdus, Netti-vo, George Washington, Saturdus, Netti-vo, George Washington, Saturdus, Netti-tal Saturdus, Netti Saturdus, Netti Va-la, Pitti Saturdus, Netti Saturdus, Netti Val-dis, Netti Vali E Washington, Sunday, Palay, Netti Vali Saturdus, Netti Saturdus, Netti Vali Saturdus, Netti Saturdus, Nett

Hall, Saturday, 19. Florida (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Saturday. 70. Notre Dame (3-0) did not play. Next: at 20. Notre Dame (3-0) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Saturday, 21. Arizona (4-2) did not play. Next: vs. No.

21. Arizona (4-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Mississippi State, Sunday. 22. Alabama (5-1) beat East Tennessee St. 114-77. Next: at Alabama State, Tuesday. 23. Iowa (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Cente-

nary, Friday. 24. Virginia (5-0) beat Northwestern 48-44. Next: vs. Auburn, Friday.

next: vs. Auburn, Friday. 25. Wisconsin (3-1) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday.

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Women's Top 25 fared

Wednesday
1. LSU (8-0) did not play. Next: at No. 18
Minnesota, Tuesday, Dec. 14.
2. North Carolina (5-0) beat Wofford 89-51. 1. ESJ. (69) Mell not plays, Next at No. 18
2. North Learning 150 beat Worlford 89-51.
2. North Learning 150 beat Mell 150 beat Next via 150 beat Next vi Maryland (4-1) did not play. Next: at Xavier, Saturday.
 TCU (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. SMU, Thursday. 24. Villanova (3-2) lost to George Washington 62-52. Next: at Penn, Sunday. 25. UCLA (3-1) did not play. Next: at Pepper-dine. Thursday.

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Wednesday's transactions

BASEBALL American League ANAHEIM ANGELS – Agreed to terms with 1B-OF Kendry Morales on a six-year con-

18-ÖF kendry Morales on a six-year cum-RALTIMORE ORDICES—Named Dave Tremb-ley manager for Ottawa of the It. Don Wern-ley manager for Cottawa of the It. Don Wern-ber Flagers an annager for Frederick of the Carolina Leaguer Garly Kendall manager and South Atlantic Leaguer. And Excheding objecting South Atlantic Leaguer. And Excheding objecting New York-Fern Leaguer. Lind Vinsa minor league phtting instructor and Tom Lawless Structor. structor.

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INF Mike Coolbaugh, C Dax Norris, C Christ Tremie, RHP Travis Driskill and OF Barry Wes son on minor league contracts. MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with C Chad Moeller on a one-year contract and LHP Rigo Beltran on a minor league con ract.

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TANK MCNAMARA



Army's Ross answers the call to duty

PHILADELPHIA
e heard the haunting
echo of it, like a bugle
call from his past, pulling at him, pulling him
back to an earlier time, when he

was a cavalryBill Lyon man, in the Third Armored Regiment.
He heard it sitting there in

their kitchen
that night,
heard it from
his wife,
Alice, heard
her use those
words that forever reverber-

ate at The Point.

Duty. Honor. Country.

You have, she told him, a duty

to do this. A patriotic duty. All the losing, it's demoralizing. Especially for the troops serving in harm's

ly for the troops serving in harm's way. "It kind of hit me." Bobby Ross

said.

They've been married more than 40 years. She hasn't steered

him wrong very often.
So Bobby Ross, whose umbilical has been tethered to the military much of his life, took the job
last December. Head football
coach, United States Military

Academy, West Point.
He was 67. He had been retired
three years. He had immersed
himself in volunteer work and in
their 15 grandchildren. He
thought he was rid of football,
after a lifetime of it. He had applied at a couple of schools and
had been rejected, and they'd

been polite enough about it, but

he was pretty sure of the why o the rejections: He was too old.

the rejections: He was too old. So he resigned himself and plunged his hands deep into the honey-do jar, the chores and errands that Alice kept for him to

make sure he kept busy. He thought he had adjusted, adapted; he thought he was fine. And then that bugle call, irresistible, the haunting echoes, call-

ing to him ... another chance to serve your country. "In a lot of ways, I think we're the true America's Team," he said. "All three of us. the acade-

mies."

And so they are in a way, even more so in uncertain times like these, and so what has befallen Army football in recent years has been especially wrenching — the first major program to lose 13 games in a season, no winning sea.

sons in the last nine, a two-season record of 1-24 coming into 2004. All that persistent losing had become a habit. The players had been beaten down. The first change Bobby Ross had to make was to break the cycle, reverse

the mind-set.
"Just being competitive, that's not enough," he told them. "Keeping the score close, that's not the answer. I despise losing. I'm not very good at it."

He hasn't had to endure much of it, college or pro. He produced winners at Maryland and at Georgia Tech, including a shared national championship. He produced winners at San Diego, including a Super Bowl berth, and

at Detroit.

Nine games into the 2000 NFL season, he resigned. It wasn't because he suddenly stopped loving football. or was burned out.

No, it was blood clots, in both legs, and the family history was grim — his father had both legs amputated because of clots.

In time, Ross healed. But the thrill of the hunt, the competing, that still gnawed at him. That was the one thing he couldn't find a substitute for in retirement.

So when The Point called ... He graduated from Virginia Military Institute. He coached there a year. He coached The Citadel. He spent three years in the Army. One of his sons graduated from the Naval Academy, another from the Air Force Academy. The bugle call is a theme song for

the Ross family.
"I have a deep appreciation of what West Point stands for," he said, "and a deep respect for it. The history, the tradition, it's a

very inspiring place to be."
He is a patriot coaching patriots, but love of country and sense of obligation, by themselves, don't win football games. The first four games of this year were no different. The losing streen reached 19 in a row. And then,

Oct. 9: Army 48. Cincinnati 29.

Next thing he knew, Bobby Ross was being hoisted aloft, carried off on the shoulders of players who one day, and soon, may find themselves half a world

away, in a desert firefight.

The e-mail and the snail mail
and the phone calls inundated the
coach and the Cadets, much of it
from Iraq and from Afghanistan,
from troops with something to
cheer about. Army followed up
with another victory the very
next week. Now, the Navy game
with another to calculate the
coaches are also also also also
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Ross is, he figures, a foot and a
half high. At least.

The perspective is never lost. Values are never diminished.

Football matters, yes, but they all know what might await them. On display in the Army locker room is an American flag that was flown during a skirmish in Afghanistan in which three Ameri-

can patriots perished.

Army is 2-8. Navy is 8-2. Not so long ago, Navy couldn't win a game. In that example, then, is inspiration for Army. And the history of Bobby Ross, the Virginian with the soft drawl and the set

jaw, is to revive and restore.
"We've just started climbing that mountain," he said.
But all the way up, they can

hear the echo of the bugle call.

Bill Lyon is a columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer.



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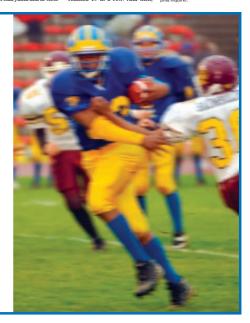
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No. 1 Wake falls with a thud

Illinois makes it look easy in rout; Syracuse, N. Carolina roll on

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Roger Powell Jr. scored 19 points, Dee Brown and Luther Head added 16 each and No. 5 Illinois made Wake Forest look more like a nonconference patsy than the top-ranked team in the country in a 91-73 rout Wednesday width

night.

The Illini (5-0) led by double digits for the last 28-plus minutes of the game, and were up by as much as 32 in the second half. With 8:34 still to play, the "Orange Krush" student section broke into chants of "Overrated!" In the final minutes of the game, there were chants of "We're No. 1!"

Illinois has won 35 straight at home against nonconference opponents, a streak dating to Nov. 17, 1998. The Illini are 66-3 overall at Assembly Hall since the 2000-01

Wake Forest (5-1), which climbed to No. 1 for the first time in school history, was held to 39 percent shooting, and its two best players weren't a factor.

Chris Paul, the leading vote-getter on the AP's preseason All-America team, had 10 points and Justin Gray, MVP of the Preseason NIT, had 11. Eric Williams, the other member of Wake Forest's big three, had 18 on 7-for-13 shooting.

No. 3 Syracuse 91, 5t. Bouwenture 67: At Syracuse, NY, Hakim Warrick had 18 points and 11 rebounds and Josh Pace added 14 points and 10 rebounds for Syracuse (6-0), which got its 30th straight vectory over teams from New York state and sent the Bonnies (0-4) to their 21st straight road loss.

Gerry McNamara had 17 points and Dar-



ryl Watkins 12 for Syracuse. Billy Edelin had four points and three assists in his return to the lineup after leaving the team in the middle of last

season for personal reasons.

Wade Dunston led the Bonnies with 17

No. 9 North Carolina 70, Indiana 63: At Bloomington, Ind., Rashad McCants scored 19 points and Raymond Felton 18 to lead the Tar Heels (5-1) to their fifth straight victory.

Indiana (2-1) was led by Bracey Wright with 18 points and Robert Vaden with 16 points and nine rebounds.

Indiana fans were not kind to North Canina's Sean May, a former Indiana Mr. Baskethall and the son of Indiana All-American Scott May, He was boord during warmups and one fan had a sign taken away that read "Sean May Tratior." Five fans wore shirts that spelled out the phrase "May you must be adopted," and the boos and chants intensified throughout the game as May strugled. He missed five of seven shots and finished with eight points, all in the second half.

No. 13 Pittsburgh 65, St. Francis, Pa. 41: At Pittsburgh, Chevon Troutman led a decisive 17-2 run late in the first half and scored 22 points as Pittsburgh improved to 28-0 in games against St. Francis.

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Troutman made four free throws and Antonio Graves, Carl Krauser and Ronald Ramon hit three-pointers during the run, which pushed Pitt (4-0) from a 17-all tie into a 34-19 lead.

Gonzaga 99, No. 14 Washington 87: At Spokane, Wash, Adam Morrison scored 26 points and Ronny Turiaf had 23 points and 13 rebounds as Gonzaga (4-1) won its seventh straight over Washington.

Nate Robinson led Washington (4-1) with 22 points, including four three-pointers.

Gonzaga led from the opening tip, and pulled away from a 59-all tie with 13 minutes remaining. Three-pointers by Derek Raivio and Morrison helped Gonzaga build a 92-82 lead with 2:25 to play. Jamaal Williams had 18 points for Wash-

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No. 22 Alabama 114, East Tennessee 77: At Tuscaloosa, Ala., Earnest Shelton scored 24 points and Ronald Steele had a school-record 18 assists for Alabama.

Shelton was 6-for-11 from three-point range, and the Crimson Tide (5-1) shot 19-of-41 from behind the arc — breaking the school record of 16 set in 1996 against Mercer.

Kennedy Winston added 21 points and 10 rebounds. Steele broke the school assist record of 16 and Alabama's 30 also was a school record.

Dillion Sneed had 30 points and Tim Smith added 24 for East Tennessee (2-3).

No. 24 Virginia 48, Northwestern 44: At Evanston, Ill., Elton Brown had 15 points and 12 rebounds, including the first eight points of the game, as the Cavaliers (5-0) held their fifth straight opponent to 60 points or less.

Northwestern (1-4) has its worst record since 1999-2000, when it opened with the same record.



Sean May, a former Indiana Mr. Basketball, had a nightmare game in his first trip back to the state as a player for North Carolina. As fans booed his every move, May struggled through a scoreless first half and here commits a charging foul. He did have the consolation of a 70-63 win over Indiana.

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Yankees back off pursuit of Big Unit

NEW YORK - The New York Yankees pulled out of trade talks for Randy Johnson on Wednesday, telling the Diamondhacks that their proposals for deals involving the five-time Cy Young Award winner were unreasonable, The Associated Press learned

The Yankees informed Arizona of their decision Wednesday afternoon, ending weeks of discussions, a high-ranking baseball official told the AP on condition of an-

While talks appear dead, they might not be over for good. But for now, the Yankees find Arizona's current asking price too high.

Earlier this week, according to the official, New York proposed a deal that would send the Diamondbacks right-hander Javier Vazquez, pitching prospect Brad Halsey, a top pitcher the Yankees would have to obtain from another team and a significant amount of money, believed to be \$12 million to \$13 million.

Arizona responded, the official said, by asking the Yankees for Vazquez, Halsev, setup man Tom Gordon and \$18.5 million — the difference between the \$17 million Johnson is due for the remain. ing year in his contract and the \$35.5 million Vazquez is owed in his deal, which has three seasons left

Alternatively, the official said, the Diamondbacks told the Yankees they could remove Gordon from the deal and replace him

with four prospects. Yankees general manager



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Brian Cashman did not return a

telephone call seeking comme ew York may now turn its attention to Pedro Martinez. Boston re-sign the three-time

repeated Wednesday that it wants Young Award winner, who also has received an offer from the New York Mets. While Yankees owner George Steinbrenner met with Martinez last month New York has not yet made an offer, the official said.

Johnson has a no-trade clause. and it's not clear whether the Yankees are the only team he would accept a deal to

In the weeks leading up to the July 31 trade deadline, Arizona and New York also talked about a deal involving Johnson.

Arizona asked for Vazquez, \$18.5 million, four or five pros-pects, and a pitcher from a list of 10: Oakland's Tim Hudson and Barry Zito, Florida's A.J. Burnett, Detroit's Jeremy Bonderman, Toronto's Ted Lilly, Los Angeles' Edwin Jackson, Tampa Bay's Edwin Jackson, Tampa Bay's Scott Kazmir, Colorado's Shawn Chacon and Jason Jennings, and Texas' Kenny Rogers

Lima ordered to pay woman \$500,000 for giving her STD

HOUSTON - A jury says Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Jose Lima must pay almost \$500,000 in damages to a woman who claimed she contracted genital hernes from him

Attorneys for Lima, a former Houston Astros player, said Wednesday they plan to appeal the state court decision and that Lima was unaware he was infected until after his relationship with the 27-year-old woman ended

Harris County jurors awarded the plaintiff \$475,000 in damages after hearing closing arguments Wednesday.

The woman's lawyers said she learned she was infected in Februa 2003, about a week after she had sex with Lima, and that the player never warned her that he had the disease.



Report: Utah's Meyer to meet with Notre Dame

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Notre Dame has contacted Utah coach Urban Meyer about its coaching vacancy and was to meet with him Thursday, The New York Times reported

The school contacted Meyer, a

Sports

former Notre Dame assis tant, Wednesday,

the newspaper reported, citing an un-named source. The story did not say where the meeting would

take place John Heisler, Notre Dame's as sociate athletic director, would not comment to The Associated Press or say if athletic director Kevin White was in South Bend.

Utah athletic director Chris Hill told the AP he wouldn't comment on the report, but that his chool would attempt to keep Meyer, who helped make the Utes a high-profile team in just two seasons. This year, Utah is poised to become the first team from a mid-major conference to crack the Bowl Championship

A message left with Mever's assistant Thursday was not immediately returned.

Meyer was the receivers coach at Notre Dame during 1996-00, leaving the school for his first head coaching job at Bowling Green.

He quickly turned around the Falcons, going 8-3 and 9-3 before moving to Utah in 2003. The Utes were 10-2 last season and are 11-0 this season and ranked fifth in the nation. Notre Dame fired Tyrone Willingham as football coach on Tuesday after he posted a 21-15 record in three seasons. Meyer received a contract ex-

tension last summer that included a clause allowing him to leave Utah without penalty if he is hired as head coach at Michiga Ohio State or Notre Dame

Appleby leads in S. Africa

SUN CITY, South Africa -Australia's Stuart Appleby shot a 2-under-par 70 Thursday but closed with bogeys on the final two holes, leaving him tied with three others for the first-round lead at the Nedbank Golf Chal-

Appleby, whose round featured an eagle-3 on the 14th hole, shared the lead with England's Lee Westwood and South Africa's Ernie Els and Retief Goosen in the \$4.06 million event. They were a shot ahead of Chris DiMa rco of the United States and Nick

Defending champion Sergio Garcia of Spain finished at 75 while British Open champion Todd Hamilton of the United States had a 74 Americans Jim Furvk (74).

Jay Haas (75) and Chad Campbell (80) struggled while Price came back from a relatively inactive year to shoot 32 on the back nine for a 71

NHL, union to resume negotiations

NEW YORK - The NHL accepted an invitation from the players' association on Thursday to return to the negotiating table in an effort to end the lockout that began nearly three months

In a letter sent to NHL com missioner Gary Bettman on Thursday, players' association executive director Bob Goodenow proposed that the sides meet next week in Toronto and said the union is working on a

No official talks have occurred since Sept. 9, when the union made its last offer. The lockout reached its 78th day Thursday.

new proposal.

"We look forward to meeting with the NHL Players' Association next week," said Bill Daly, the league's chief legal officer. "We are hopeful that the NHL-PA's offer will be a meaningful effort to address the league's economic problems. When we receive the proposal, we will evaluate it closely and respond appropriately.

The last offer by the NHLPA was a luxury tax-based deal that was rejected by the league, and the lockout began one week later. As of Thursday, 334 regular-sea-son games, plus the 2005 All-Star game, have been wiped out.

The offer to resume talks came just hours before the league's general managers prepared to get an update from Bett-man during a dinner meeting in New York.

The players' association said its new proposal should provide the basis for a new collective bar gaining agreement. Bettman has said that a luxury

tax won't work for the 30 NHL teams, which he claims are losing money at a pace that makes it impossible for the league to survive under the current system. He is seeking "cost certainty" for the clubs, which the union says is tantamount to a salary cap - a solution it refuses to accept.

Giambi: Trainer never implicated Bonds

GIAMBI. FROM BACK PAGE

"So I started to ask him: 'Hey, what are the things you're doing with Barry? He's an incredible nlayer I want to still be able to work out at that age and keep playing," Giambi testified, according to the Chronicle. "And that's how the conversation first

After returning to the United States, Anderson told Giambi he could provide him with performance-enhancing drugs and suggested he stop taking the steroid Deca Durabolin that he obtained from the Las Vegas gym because it stays in the system too long, the paper reported. Giambi said he started using Deca Durabolin in

Giambi said Anderson never told him that Bonds used performance-enhancing drugs

"You know, I assumed because he's Barry's trainer - you know, Barry - but he never said one time, 'This is what Barry's taking, this is what Barry's doing." Gi44... but he never said one time. 'This is what Barry's taking, this is what

> Jason Giambi New York Yankee

ambi testified. "He never gave up another name that he was dealing with or doing anything with."

Barru's doing.

Prosecutors confronted Giambi with a calendar seized from Anderson's home that detailed Giambi's schedule of drug use

Giambi told grand jurors that he didn't notice a "huge difference" in his performance after starting to use the drugs, the newspaper reported.

Giambi came to spring training this year looking noticeably trimmer as baseball began a steroid-testing program that included punishments for the first time. Asked in February whether he had ever taken performance-enhancing drugs, Giambi said: "Are you talking about steroids? No.

Giambi won the AL MVP in 2000 for Oakland and signed a million, \$120 seven-vear free-agent contract with the Yankees after the 2001 season. He hit 155 homers from 1999-2002 and batted over .300 each season, but injuries slowed him down the last two years

Bothered by a balky knee, Giambi hit just ,250 in 2003, Giambi batted .208 and played in only 80 games last season, missing time because of a tumor, which the New York Daily News reported was in his pituitary gland. Medical experts told the Chronicle that Clomid, a female fertility drug Giambi said he thought Anderson had given him, can exacerbate a tumor of the pituitary gland.

Giambi's younger brother, Jeremy, who last played in the majors with Boston in 2003, also testified that he used performance-enhancing drugs given to him by Anderson, according to the Chronicle.

It's open season on champs in high school basketball

BY RUSTY BRYAN Stars and Stripes

Here is a basketball season's worth of storylines as the DODDS-Europe high school teams start play:

Streaks at apogee?

Heidelberg's streak of five straight European Division I boys crowns is mostly in the hands of newcomers with the departure of the three first-team All-Eu-

ropeans who fueled last season's unbeaten romp.

"We will not be the team we were last year,"
Heidelberg coach Brad Shahan said. "We have one
starter back, Lewis Allen, along with two other varsity players, Tyreke Wesley and Brandon Grant."
Don't count out the Lions just yet.

"We hope to improve throughout the season." Shahan said, "and play well at tourney time." The Bitburg girls are in the same boat.

The Bitburg girls are in the same boat.

The Lady Barons have won the past four European D-II crowns, but new coach David Turner has just one returning starter, Erica Winters.

Turner's not intimidated, however.
"If we play hard and pay attention," he said, "we

might win another

Hoire annaront

Heidelberg's rebuilding might leave the door open for the Kaiserslautern boys, who return five varsity players, led by 6-foot-9 junior Aaron Ellis. Also back for coach Clinton Robinson's squad are Jamal Anene, Julian Smalls. Brian Hill and Lamont

Robinson.

Ramstein's Len Tarnowski, whose team came four points short of toppling Heidelberg in last season's title game, has varsity experience in Brennon Relaford, Eric Murray and Allen Weaver.

In D-II the Hanau girls, European runners-up last season, return a pair of key players in 6-0 All-Europe forward Katisha Fauntleroy, who averaged 14 points per game, and point guard Kyri Bye-Nagel. Coach Michael Hunt says his Lady Panthers are

rebuilding, but that's a nice pair of cornerstones. Also in the D-II mix are Aviano, led by sophomore star Cheri McNeely and three seniors; and Naples, which will go as far as two-time All-Europe guard Michelle Aguila and junior Renna Damon can take

The D-III boys race could go in any direction, according to Alan Campbell of London Central, whose seven returning letternen include "Foxy" Thomas. "I think you have to keep an eye on Rota," Campbell said. "They return everyone nlus Ben Ander-

bell said. "They return everyone, plus Ben Anderson does an excellent job of preparing his team." Campbell also cited the experience of Iceland and Brussels, along with Alconbury, whose young team grew with plenty of playing time last season, as con-

Ted Marr's Ansbach Cougars can't be dismissed, either, given that All-European Russell Bailey returns to a team that lost only to Naples and Aviano in last year's D-III tournament.

Stuck at the top?

Tim Smith's D-II Hanau boys champs return 6-5 All-Europe forward Marcus Fontanez, along with Malcolm Lane, Jeremy Marshall and Daniel Sugui to face the challenges from the two Italy powers Aviano and Naples.

Mick Plummer's D-III girls
champion Ansbach Cougars
bring back 60 percent of last season's squad — All-Europe second-teamers Brittney Britton and
Keke Johnson and starting forward Alison Hazen. All three
are fresh from Ansbach's
D-III volleyball championship team.

Challengers?

Kathy Clemmons has three starters back from last

MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Aviano's Dustin Miller aims for three of his 50 points in last season's Division III semifinal against Ansbach



YMOND T. CONWAY/Stars and Stripes

Ansbach's Keke Johnson is back along with Britten Britton to give the Cougars a good shot at repeating as Division III girls champs.

year's Hohenfels team, led by 6-4 III-South all-tourney center Pat Busby, 20-point scorer Carlos Jones and outside shooter Jason Parks.

Four starters — Joe Puttman, Quentin Fowler, Kael Richardson and Anthony Colin — and a point guard, Nikolas Kryzinas, who's been honing his skills in a Belgian league make an optimist of SHAPE coach Mike Vargas. While Bitburg's Lin Hairstone will build his club

While Bitburg's Lin Hairstone will build his club around rapidly developing 6-6 sophomore center Nick Brown and senior shooting guard Trey Wilson. Vilseck's Ron Rotter has a solid post man in 6-5 senior Kevin Pollock and backcourt in senior Aaron Vernon and sophomore Jamaal Johnson.

Work in progress?

At Wiesbaden, Carl Johnson, takes over from Jim Campbell. He returns just one starter from last season. Robert Edwards.

New Wiesbaden girls' coach Althea Walker suits up just one senior, 5-10 pivot Caitlyn Watson. Lakenheath's D-I champion girls have just two

starters, Ebony Morris and Mimi Smith, back for coach Dave Phelps' second season. However, that's better than new Lakenheath boys coach J.B. Morrow, who has no starters back and no film of last year's games.

Small is beautiful?

Menwith Hill's boys, under new coach William Bailey, have taken their Division IV status to heart, starting five athletic guards. Tallest of them is 6-0 Le'Shawn Adams.

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Individuals who can be expected to shine

■ Shooting stars: Aviano's Dustin Miller, who hit 50 points in a tourney game last season, and Rota's Samerria Crowder, who scored 23 or so each time out, will be filling them up again.

> Three-time All-Europe guard Krissy Grosselin, an 18-point scorer who's already signed to play at Shepherd University in West Virginia, joins with veteran Heather Steele in a bid to return runner-up Ramstein to the D-1 throne.

■ More star power: Other All-Europeans back for another campaign are Neal Griffin of Patch, an 18-point-per game scorer; and Timothy Battle of Bamberg, who averaged 13 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists per game.



RAYMOND T. CONWAY/Stars and Strip

Mark Peayrer's return makes defending European Division III champ Naples a contender even though the team will play in D-II this season.

New tourney format changes landscape

BY RUSTY BRYAN

The winds of change continue to sweep through the Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe sports scene.

Under a new plan — instituted in last month's European volley-ball and cross country champion-ship events — DODDS-Europe sports officials have implemented a four-division format for the season-ending basketball tournament.

That means teams such as Richard Elliott's Naples Wildcats will play in Division II instead of Division III this season, and that's just fine with Elliott.

"We want to play in Division II," said Elliott, who coached the Wildcats to the European D-III crown last February. "That's where we belong."

Under the old system, only the two Mediterranean-based schools qualified for the six-team European D-III tournament.

This season, all schools automatically are invited to Mannheim to vie for European crowns in one of four divisions, based on enrollment size. That pits Naples — along with fellow Italy power Aviano — against D-II schools from the rest of Europe instead of the smaller D-III schools they have faced in the nast.

But don't feel sorry for the Italy-based teams.

Senior-laden Naples returns 6-6 All-Europe second-teamer Mark Peayrer and point guard Josh Kaimakua from last year's championship squad, while Division III runner-up Aviano brings back Dustin Miller, who averaged 28 points a game last season. The Saints also have Carl Cephas and three other starters for this year's run.

The Italy teams will need all that, and more, according to Mannheim coach John Crockett.

"For a team to win [Division

Season openers

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II]," he said, "they will have to play six games in three days. That might mean sloppy play in the semis and finals as the players will be very tired. The teams with the deeper benches usually win in this type of format."

Crockett said he would prefer an all-divisions-in-one-bracket event.

"I think the ideal end-of-the-year tournament," he said, "would be to have all the divisions together and crown an overall European champion."

That's a concept that appeals to Kaiserslautern girls' coach Corey Sullivan, too.

"I wouldn't mind seeing one tournament from top to bottom, like the old Indiana high school system," he said. "Except for Heidelberg and Ramstein, most of the schools are pretty close in enrollment, whether they are in Division I or Division III."

For Baumholder coach Carter Hollenbeck, an all-in-one-place is as good as an all-in-one tournament

"I love the idea that all the teams will meet for the tourney," he said. "It gives a 'March Madness' effect."

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Williams rejects deal to come back in '05

Former Dolphins RB still fighting team's breach of contract lawsuit

BY TIM REYNOLDS The Associated Press

MIAMI - Ricky Williams reiected a deal that would have allowed him to serve a four-game drug suspension this season and return to the NFL next year.

"Ricky indicated to me that he is no longer interested in resum ing his career at this time," Williams' lawyer, David Cornwell, said in a statement e-mailed to The Associated Press on Thurs-

The 1998 Heisman Trophy winner needed to let the league know Thursday so he could be moved from the retired list to the suspended list by the deadline He would have served the suspension for the Miami Dolphins' final four games, starting Dec. 12 at Denver

"David Cornwell informed our office that Ricky Williams has declined to accept the terms of his reinstatement," NFL spokesman reinstatement, Greg Aiello said.

Dolphins snokesman Harvey Greene wouldn't comment, say ing the matter is between Williams and the NFL

Williams, 27, stunned his team by retiring shortly before Miami opened training camp in July. The Dolphins filed a lawsuit in federal court against the running back, seeking the \$8.6 million an arbitrator ruled he owes the team

for breaching his contract. Williams is fighting the deci-

He is now enrolled in a 17-month course at the California College of Ayurveda in Grass Valley, Calif., studying holistic medi-

The talks to allow Williams back into the league involved a promise to return to the field next season and to re-enter the NFL drug program immediately, including being tested on a regular hasis

"The NFL sought assurances



Former Miami Dolphins running back Ricky Williams could have served a four-game drug suspen sion this season and returned to the NFL next year.

that Ricky is indeed committed to playing," Cornwell said.

Williams gave up the \$5 million he would have earned this season, which would have been his sixth in the NFL, amid reports he

faced suspension for substance He rushed for 3,225 vards in two seasons with the Dolphins, including a league-leading 1.853 yards in 2002. Miami acquired

him from New Orleans after the 2001 season But without Williams, the Dolphins have gone into a tailspin.

They're 2-9 and will finish with a losing record for the first time since 1988

Williams has social-anxiety disorder and was a spokesman for an anti-depressant. He said mari-juana helped him after he stopped using the anti-depres-

Grizzlies hire Fratello to replace ailing Brown

MEMPHIS. Tenn. - Mike Fratello was hired as coach of the Memphis Grizzlies on Thursday as a replacement for Hubie Brown, who unexpectedly retired last week for health reasons.

Fratello coached the Atlanta Hawks for eight seasons and the Cleveland Cavaliers for six. He will be the Grizzlies' seventh head coach.

"Today is the beginning of a new day for all of us," Grizzlies President Jerry West said. "We want to get back to where we feel

good about ourselves." Brown, 71, was coach of the year last season after leading the team to its first playoff appearance. He cited unspecified health

reasons when he retired last "I am inheriting a team that knows organization, that knows discipline and plays unselfishly,

Fratello said. "That is a great head start." The Grizzlies have lost four straight since Brown retired and assistant coach Lionel Hollins was appointed interim coach. Hollins will stay as an assistant coach. Fratello also said former Golden State Warriors coach Eric Musselman would join his staff as

an assistant Fratello's overall NBA record is 592-499, including 20-34 in the playoffs. He was an assistant under Brown for four seasons in Atlanta (1978-81) and one season in New York (1982-83). He replaced Brown as interim coach of the Hawks for three games in

Nuggets' White pleads guilty to firearms charges

DENVER - Denver Nuggets forward Rodney White pleaded guilty to two weapons charges and agreed to 100 hours of community service to have a third charge dropped

White pleaded guilty Tuesday in Washington to charges of pos-sessing an unregistered firearm and unregistered ammunition.

Prosecutors agreed to dismiss a charge of carrying a pistol with-out a license if White completes his community service in Washington by Sept. 6. White would face no further jail time.

He spent two weeks in jail after he and two other men were arrested in Washington on Sept. 5 for allegedly shooting randomly into

"This has been a tough time for me, my team and my family. White said in a statement. "I sincerely apologize for what I have

done and look forward to having this matter placed behind me Two banned from Palace for alleged involvement in brawl

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. -Two men were banned from events at The Palace for what the Detroit Pistons say is their involvement in last month's NBA

John Green and Charlie Haddad were sent letters informing them of the ban, which also includes events at DTE Energy Music Theatre in Clarkston Pistons spokesman Matt Dobek said



Wednesday. The Clarkston site is another holding of the Palace Sports and Entertainment organi-

Anart from Pistons games, the Palace hosts figure skating com-petitions and concerts. The DTE Energy Music Theatre holds con-

Green, of Oakland County's West Bloomfield Township, is accused of lobbing a cup at Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest on Nov. 19, sparking the brawl, Haddad, of Burt, ran onto the court that night, Dobek said.

"They're completely picking on the little guy," Shawn Smith, Green's lawyer, said Wednesday.

The brawl spilled into the stands and led to three Indiana players being suspended for 25 or more games, including a season-long ban for Artest.

There is no telephone listing for Haddadd

No criminal charges have been filed in the brawl. Oakland County prosecutor David Gorcyca said Tuesday police must finish their investigation first.

Gorcyca had told The Detroit News that Pacers players will be charged, but declined to specify the players or charges.

Friend faces drug charge over pot found in Anthony's bag

DENVER — Prosecutors filed a drug charge Wednesday against a friend of NBA star Carmelo Anthony who said he accidentally left marijuana in the player's backpack before it was found during an airport luggage search.

James Cunningham of St. Louis faces a charge of possessing less than one ounce of marijuana. If convicted, he could be fined \$100 but would face no jail time.

Prosecutors originally filed the same charge against Anthony after the marijuana was found in his pack on Oct. 15 while he and his Denver Nuggets teammates were waiting to board a flight to Milwaukee for an exhibition game

The charge was dropped two weeks ago after Cunningham signed an affidavit saying he borrowed the backpack without Anthony's knowledge and left the marijuana in it.

Magic place F Garrity on injured list, activate Augmon

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando Magic forward Pat Garrity went on the injured list with a sprained left foot, and Stacey Augmon was activated to fill the roster spot before Wednesday night's game against Toronto.

Garrity, a three-point specialist, was hurt during Orlando's loss to Boston on Monday night. He's averaging 7.1 points, lowest since his rookie season, and is shooting a career-worst 31 percent on three-nointers.

Augmon had three points and seven rebounds in seven games before going on the injured list Nov 20 with tendinitis in his left

Undrafted rookie RB Croom prepared to start for Cards

TEMPE, Ariz. - If Emmitt Smith can't go on Sunday in Detroit, undrafted rookie Larr Croom will start at running back for the Arizona Cardinals.

The former UNLV back is humble about the opportunity. "It's definitely a blessing

Croom said, "I didn't expect it, especially not this year. Coach Wilson (running backs coach Kirby Wilson) always told me to keep working hard and you never know what will happen.

Coach Dennis Green had declared Smith out of Sunday's game with a sprained left big toe Smith didn't practice Wednesday, but was listed as questionable.

which is supposed to mean there's a 50-50 chance he can play Sunday.

Croom has moved ahead of Josh Scobey on the depth chart to become Smith's backup after Troy Hambrick was lost for the season with a torn foot ligament.

"He's a very quick player," Green said of Croom. "His shiftiness is pretty obvious every time he touches the football."

Croom carried 10 times for only 25 yards in last week's 13-3 loss to the New York Jets. Arizona managed just 71 yards rushing in the game.

If Croom starts he will be the fourth rookie in Arizona's offensive lineup. John Navarre will

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, fol-wed by team's prognosis. (See Page 24 r complete injury report provided by

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make his NFL debut at quarterback, taking snaps from rookie center Alex Stepanovich. The fourth rookie is wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald.



Hot Suns off to best start in 24 years

The Associated Press

PHOENIX - The Phoenix Suns were at it again Wednesday night - racing past another oppo-nent to improve to 13-2 - the NBA's best record and the fran-

chise's best start in 24 years. Amare Stoudemire, Steve Nash and Quentin Richardson each scored 21 points, and the Suns beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 120-101 for their ninth in a row. "By far, they are the best team

in the NBA right now," LeBron James said. "Just their ability to score that's an amazing system that their coach has got them in." Joe Johnson scored 18 points and was the lead defender in hold-

ing James to 6-for-19 shooting for 15 points — 11 under his average.
"They made me work tonight," James said. "They played great defense. At times, I was just indecisive. It wasn't one of my better ones, but that's what's good about the NBA. We've got another one

tomorrow Stoudemire scored 13 6-for-6 shooting in the decisive third quarter and Nash sat out the fourth while his backup Leandro Barbosa scored 13 of his 15

points. Shawn Marion had 10 noints and 12 rebounds as all five Phoenix starters scored in double figures for the second night in a row The Suns had a season-high 30 fast-break points.



The victory streak matched the sixth-longest in Suns' history and avenged one of Phoenix's two loss-

es this season "I still don't think we've done nothing yet," Johnson said. "Don't get me wrong. It's fun to win. But it's a long, long season. There's a lot ahead of us and a lot more room for improvement."

Magic 129, Raptors 108: Steve Francis scored 23 points Grant Hill added 17 and Orlando to tie for the NBA's highest-scoring game of the season.

Eight Orlando players scored in double figures as the Magic shot 57.3 percent (51-for-89) and held a rebounding advantage of

Only three players didn't make

at least half their shots. Celtics 101, Bucks 100: At Boston, Paul Pierce had a brief argument with Boston coach Doc Rivers when he was lifted from the game, but returned and made

a key three-pointer. Pierce, who led Boston with 23 points, was lifted with just over 4½ minutes to play and the Celtics holding a 92-91 lead. The star

forward appeared agitated when Jiri Welsch came in for him. After a chat in the huddle between Pierce and Rivers during a timeout, Pierce returned and hit his three-pointer on Boston's first possession, giving the Celtics a 97-93 lead with 2:40 to go.

Knicks 90, Grizzlies 82: Stephon Marbury made five three-pointers in the second quarter to help put the Knicks ahead for good, and host New York received a fourth-quarter boost from Jerome Williams

The loss was the fifth straight for Memphis, and the fourth since the unexpected resignation

of coach Hubie Brown. Marbury scored 26 points, 17 coming in the second quarter.

Wizards 95, Nets 68: Washington welcomed coach Eddie Jordan back with a victory over his former team and sent the Nets to their sixth consecutive road loss.

Gilbert Arenas had a season-high 30 points, seven rebounds and five assists to lead the Wizards to their fifth victory in six games. Antawn Jamison added 18 noints and nine rehounds as Wash. ington posted its largest winning margin of the season.

Jordan, 49, was hospitalized with a blood clot in his left leg and missed two games.

Bulls 92, Lakers 84: Rookies

Luol Deng and Ben Gordon rescued Chicago in the fourth quarter and the Bulls held off a late charge by Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers.

Deng scored nine points and Gordon eight in the fourth quarter as Chicago got just its second win in 12 games. Deng and Eddy Curry led the Bulls, returning home after a seven-game road trip, with 18 points apiece.

Spurs 105, 76ers 72: At San Antonio, Tim Duncan scored 24 points, including 17 straight in the second quarter, leading the Spurs.

Duncan, who sat out the fourth quarter, also had 12 rebounds and six blocks in 25 minutes for the 415th double-double of his ca-

The victory was the 20th in a row for the Spurs at the SBC Center and tied the franchise's best start after 16 games at 13-3.

Kings 94, Hornets 81: Brad Miller's 24 points and some clutch outside shooting by Bobby Jackson and Peja Stojakovic lift ed the Sacramento Kings and kept the Hornets winless at home.

The Hornets had a 20-point deficit trimmed to nine after Lee Nailon's one-handed follow of a missed three-pointer with a little more than nine minutes to go. But three-pointers on three straight Kings possessions — two by Jackson and one by Stojakovic made the score 83-67 and all but ended any realistic chance of the Hornets (1-13) notching their first home victory in seven tries.

The Kings (10-5) have won four straight on the road.

SuperSonics 129, Jazz 119 (OT): At Seattle, Ray Allen scored a season-high 38 points, including nine in overtime, and the Super Sonics overcame Carlos Boozer's career-high 36-points.

While the surprising Sonics improved their record to 14-3, the Jazz lost their third straight and fifth in six games.

Timberwolves 107, Warriors 99: Sam Cassell had 26 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists, and visiting Minnesota rallied in the fourth quarter for its third straight victory.

Kevin Garnett had 17 points, 16 rebounds and nine assists for the Timberwolves, who barely held off a lowly opponent that's given them plenty of trouble in recent vears.

Clippers 88, Pacers 76: At Los Angeles, Elton Brand scored 27 points, Bobby Simmons added 20 and the Clippers barely held on to beat short-handed Indiana for their fifth straight victory.

The Clippers have won five in a row for the first time since No-vember 1995. The last time they won six straight was March 1992.

NBA scoreboard

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Feb. 18-20 – All-Star weekend, Denver.
Feb. 24 – Trading deadline, 3 p.m. EST.
April 20 – Regular season ends.
June 7-10 – NBA predraft camp, Chicago.
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June 21 - Early entry draft withdrawal geadline.

June 23 — Latest possible NBA Finals end date.

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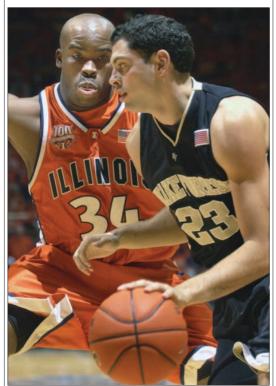
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Illinois leaves Wake behind



Illinois' Fred Nkemdi guards Wake Forest's Richard Joyce (23) late in the second half at Assembly Hall in Chamapaign, Ill., on Wednesday. No 5 Illinois beat No. 1 Wake Forest 91-73. See story on Page 30.

Paper: Giambi testified he used steroids

Yankee told grand jury drugs came from Bonds' trainer

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — New York Yankees slugger Jason Giambi injected himself with human growth hormone in 2003 and used steroids for at least three seasons, according to his grand Jury testimony that was reviewed by the San Francisco Chronicle.

The testimony given in December 2003 to the federal grand jury investigating BALCO contradicts Giambi's public proclamations that he never used performance-enhancing drugs.

Baseball probably cannot punish Giambi. Penalties for steroid use began in 2004. Human growth hormone, or hGH, is not specifically banned by the major leagues.

Giambi described to grand jurors how he injected hGH in his stomach, testosterone into his buttocks, rubbed an undetectable steroid knows as "the cream" on his body and placed drops of another, called "the clear," under his tongue, the Chronicle reported Thursday.

Giambi testified that he obfrom Barry Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, one of four men indicted by the grand jury probing the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. He said he got the hGH from a gym in Las Vegas.

Anderson's attorney, Tony Serra, declined comment to the Chronicle, citing a court order. Anderson, BALCO founder Victor Conte, BALCO vice president James Valente and track coach Remi Korchemny all have pleaded not guilty to the charges, which include steroid distribu-

The Chronicle report came out the day before Conte is scheduled to speak on the ABC program

On Wednesday, a federal judge refused to immediately dismiss the charges in response to accusations that prosecutors illegally searched BALCO headquarters and Anderson's house and car. U.S. District Judge Susan Illston said she may conduct hearings into the matter in January.

Giambi was among dozens of elite athletes — including Bonds, Gary Sheffield and track stars Tim Montgomery and Marion Jones — who testified before the grand jury last year under a promise of limited immunity from prosecution.

Bonds, Jones and Montgomery deny using performance-enhancing drugs. Sheffield told Sports IIlustrated and ESPN he used "the cream" and "the clear" from BALCO, but that he did not know

they contained steroids.
Giambi met Anderson when
the trainer joined Bonds on an
All-Star tour in Japan in November 2002. Giambi said he wanted
to know what Bonds' secret for
success was

SEE GIAMBI ON PAGE 31

Suns improve league's best record with ninth straight victory



Williams turns down deal that would have let him return to NFL next season

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Report: Notre Dame set to meet with Utah's Meyer about coaching vacancy

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